

# Your Community Voice in the Carson

Sept. 17, 2018



Carson Forest Watch

Joanna Prukop -  
N.M. Game Commission  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, N.M. 87504



on behalf of Carson Forest Watch Citizens Group in  
Taos County, N.M., I am writing to urge the  
N.M. Game Commission to increase protections  
of our State's wildlife, and strengthen our State's  
trapping regulations.

The current proposals are a step in the right  
direction - but they do not go far enough to insure  
that trapping in N.M. does not harm threatened &  
endangered species, as well as public safety.  
- we remain concerned regarding threats to  
non-target species, and pets, as well as important  
predator species.

We support a ban on traps & snares on  
all public land in New Mexico, and merely  
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"We abuse land  
because we  
regard it as a  
commodity  
belonging to us.  
When we see  
land as a  
community to  
which we belong,  
we will begin to  
use it with love  
and respect."

- Aldo Leopold

Moving traps fitter from roads & trails is not adequate to insure protection for our pets and wildlife.

Please address this concern and take steps to strengthen New Mexico's trapping regs. We live in rural Taos County, adjacent to the Carson National Forest. Many of my neighbors raise livestock - yet also value our state wildlife and do not support traps on our public lands.

Thank you  
Sincerely, Joanne Bede  
of Carson Forest Watch

also - we request the Game Commission review and revise our state's Bear Hunt Quota - esp. for sows. We remain concerned regarding the unsustainable harvest numbers of female bears and are concerned for the future health of our state's Bear population. Recent drought & habitat loss threaten Bear reproduction & health and viability and forest of females only further puts future reproduction at risk. Please review Bear Saw harvest numbers and reduce them to protect our Bear population into the future. Please share this letter with other Commission members. Thanks.

**From:** [Soules, David, DGF](#)  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXT] Fwd: Cougar trapping  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:22:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [Screenshot\\_20190910-174552.png](#)  
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Please see attached.

Thank you,  
David

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**From:** robert hodshire [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 6:30 PM  
**To:** Soules, David, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Fwd: Cougar trapping

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**From:** robert hodshire [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tue, Sep 10, 2019, 6:00 PM  
**Subject:** Cougar trapping  
**To:** Chance [REDACTED]

Let me offer my congratulations on your new position.

I'm here to discuss lions and lion trapping. I have a great admiration for them as an Apex predator.

In the past we were forced to do kill permit here. Most hunters drive through Eastern New Mexico to lion hunt. The game and fish claims we don't have appropriate habitats  
Now in past I've killed to lions trapping on kill permits. One trapping under the new rule.  
Eastern New Mexico zone m never dents the kill quota. We need trapping as a tool.  
Even Apex predator needs a predator to maintain balance. Let's don't get out of balance by laws and rules like our neighbors





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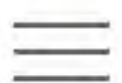
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**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Furbearer Rule Comments  
**Date:** Thursday, November 07, 2019 3:26:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [Trapping Rule Comments.pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached comments submitted by the Sierra Soil & Water Conservation concerning the proposed Furbearer and Trapping Rule Changes.

Thank you,

**Travis Day**

[REDACTED]  
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Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District  
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Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District

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New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
Attn.: Furbearer Rule Department  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

October 28, 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

The Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District (SSWCD), following the purpose and policy set forth by the Soil and Water Conservation Act in Section 73-20-26 to “...*conserve and develop the natural resources of the state, provide for flood control, preserve wildlife, protect the tax base and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of New Mexico.*”, supports legal trapping as a management technique to properly control predators on private and public lands. Proper predator control plays a crucial role in the management of cattle herds as well as in the management of game species.

The SSWCD submits the following comments in response to the proposed trapping and furbearer rule changes.

1. SSWCD recognizes the importance of trapping as a family tradition and acknowledges the desire to pass skills and knowledge of trapping to the next generation. We ask for clarification on the age requirements of the mandatory trapper education. According to the 2019-2020 big game proclamation: *New Mexico residents 12–17 years of age must purchase a Junior Trapper License to trap or hunt protected furbearers, however, a Hunter Education number is required to hunt (Mentored Youth number is not eligible.) New Mexico residents 11 years of age or younger do not need a license to trap or hunt protected furbearers.* The clarification we seek is at what age are youth required to pass the mandatory trapper education course. For consistency, we recommend setting the age requirement at 12.
2. SSWCD looks for further clarification on the required courses of mandatory trapper education for those only hunting protected furbearers, not trapping. What offered components, if any, will be required for hunting furbearers?
3. Under the proposed changes a land set trap must be ½ mile from occupied dwellings (unless permitted by the occupant or set by the occupant). SSWCD has concerns for those trapping on private property in areas that have multiple dwellings within the required setback distance. This event is highly probable when trapping protected furbearers on farming properties. A trapper may have permission from the private landowner but an adjacent property and dwelling may be within the set threshold. SSWCD asks for clarification on how these situations will be handled? Will the trapper be required to



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Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District

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receive permission from all landowners within the ½ mile distance or solely the landowner that the traps are set on?

4. SSWCD has strong concerns with allowing the director to set a bag limit without specific reasoning behind the set limit. This specific reasoning shall not be based on social or political atmosphere but solely on scientific observations and data. The current proposed change does not specify the required reasoning behind the creation of the bag limit. We recommend that the proposed change read: *Based solely on the support of scientific data the director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson, shall be allowed to set a bag limit for a given species for one regulatory year.*

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed trapping and furbearer rule changes.

Sincerely,

*Travis L. Day.*

Travis L Day  
Natural Resource Director  
Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District

**From:** [Lopez, Tirzio, DGF](#)  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXT]  
**Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019 8:38:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [IMG\\_1894.PNG](#)  
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

**From:** Chance Thedford [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 9/29/19 8:48 AM (GMT-07:00)  
**To:** "Prukop, Joanna, DGF" <Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us>, "Lopez, Tirzio, DGF" <Tirzio.Lopez@state.nm.us>, "Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF" <R.Salazar-Henry@state.nm.us>, "Bates, Jimmy, DGF" <Jimmy.Bates@state.nm.us>, "Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF" <Jeremy.Vesbach@state.nm.us>, "Cramer, Gail, DGF" <Gail.Cramer@state.nm.us>, "Soules, David, DGF" <David.Soules@state.nm.us>  
**Subject:** [EXT]



# Coyote Attacks



## Child attacked by coyote

Just a matter of time, its going to happen right here in your back yard. With the ever growing number of Coyotes right here in Mushegon County. children being an easy prey, will be targeted. People think coyotes are scarred of us think again, their becoming bolder and bolder. Not just attacking small dogs and cats anymore.



## Man Attacked By Coyotes In Colorado

By [Loren Williams](#) on October 15, 2015 at 10:08 am

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*Andrew DeHage was treated for injuries. Photo by Colorado Parks and Wildlife*  
A 22-year-old Boulder, Colo., man was attacked by Coyotes early Monday morning while walking to work.



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A 9-nine-year-old girl was attacked by a coyote outside of her home in North Carolina.

On Thursday evening, the animal approached Madiyn Fowler on her porch, leaving her with minor injuries, including scratches on her bottom, back and face



**Regulated trapping can help prevent this!**

**#NMTA**



**From:** ISPA, DGF  
**Sent time:** 10/02/2019 09:15:42 AM  
**To:** DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT] New Trapping and Cougar Rules  
**Attachments:** image1.jpeg

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-----Original Message-----

From: chad stotts [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 10:35 PM  
To: ISPA, DGF <dgfinformationspecia@state.nm.us>  
Subject: [EXT] New Trapping and Cougar Rules

To whom it may concern, I have read the new rules that are proposed for the fur bearers and cougars. For the cougars I fail to understand why the bag limits for the cougars are not changing but we will no longer be able to trap or foot snare them anymore. Is it inhumane or unsporting to trap a cougars? I think if you where to take a pole of the men who have achieved this task they would show you how ridiculous these accusations are. It has been a dream of mine to trap a cougar and every year I buy tags to try and make it happen. I have also purchased specific traps just for this. It would be very disappointing to see this dream and money go to waste.

As for the fur bearer and trapping changes are proposed. I feel that these changes are both unnecessary and a violation of everything I hold dear. Many of us count on harvesting fur to supplement income for our families. Adding regulations to trapping makes it harder for us to do this. Its like asking someone to build a house but they can only us a hand saw that is six inches long with fine grade teeth only. It makes no sense. These changes that you propose will be doing exactly that. Another question is what are we supposed to do with the trapping equipment that we have spent thousands of dollars on that will no longer meet the new standards? I fail to understand how the methods and standards that we have been using for years are no longer except able. No cares and respects these animals more than trappers. The rules that are currently in place are plenty humane for the animals that are being trapped in the state of New Mexico. If anything they are to strict already. We would do good to take after a state like Mississippi when it comes to trapping regulations!!!! Please realize what these changes would mean. California just became the first state to outlaw trapping all together. By allowing these changes into our state you are putting us one giant leap closer to this for the state of New Mexico. Trapping and selling fur is one of the heritages that founded this great country. Do we not respect the ancestors and heritage that founded this great nation? My son is 12 years old and will probably use fur as a way to help support his family as well. Please dont make me tell him that we have failed him and future generations. Attached you will find a picture of him with his first load of fur he sold last year. Dont make it harder to achieve this!!!! I cant make any of the meetings posted but I would like to have my opinion heard by someone who is part of the decision making process. Please feel free to share this as many time and with whom ever you see fit. Also please contact me if there is anything else I can do to help this cause. Thanks for hearing me and God Bless-

Chad Stotts  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Soules, David, DGF  
**Sent time:** 09/30/2019 07:31:45 PM  
**To:** DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** Fw: Comments Regarding Proposed Changes Trapping and Furbearer Rule  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg SKMBT\_C22019092715290.pdf

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?FYI.

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**From:** Brian Turnbull [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** Soules, David, DGF  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comments Regarding Proposed Changes Trapping and Furbearer Rule

New Mexico State Game Commissioner, David Soules,

I am writing to express my opposition to parts of the recently proposed rule changes for trapping and furbearers. From the Department provided summary dated August 29, 20019 there are three particular items that I would like to address and explain my opposition to. I will attempt to do so in the order that they appear on the summary.

First, it is my opinion that ¼ mile setback distances are quite sufficient for all locations indicated on the summary with the possible exception of extremely high traffic areas and these areas should be treated on an individual basis. Not many trappers care to make sets that are going to be compromised by pets and people, etc. ½ mile setbacks are definitely overkill in many of the general locations within New Mexico that were indicated on the summary. This proposal reeks of the usurpation of common sense by regulation.

The second item that I oppose is; allowing the director, with verbal concurrence of the Commission Chair to set a bag limit for furbearers. By the Department's Commission Meeting Agenda Briefing for the September 18<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, which I had previously found on the NMDGF website (I can no longer locate it on the website but I have attached a scanned copy for reference); the background information provided in part 2 of the briefing along with Chief Liley's presentation at the Cloudcroft meeting, to the best of my interpretation, indicates that all is currently well with furbearer management and populations, under the current rule....Here is where through lack of my own understanding, I need to get off into the weeds a little....without clearly understanding exactly how the "four year rule" functions in relation to the current furbearer rule....I don't know if making the trapping and furbearer rule *automatically* allows the bag limit provision as indicated on the summary. If so, then I oppose changing to a four year rule in its entirety. If it does not, I oppose the bag limit provision, as indicated, separately, for the following reason:

Especially within the divided political climate in which we now exist, this provision would allow the potential for just two people to severely impact the income of trappers by manipulating bag limits in relation to fur prices. There are many trappers who depend upon revenue generated by fur sales to at least supplement the cost of their pursuit. This provision could be easily and effectively used as a tool to kill public trapping by the attrition of trappers who could no longer afford to continue due to financial impact. While my understanding of the Department provided background information and Chief Liley's presentation regarding furbearers seems to indicate that the Department has no immediate concern regarding populations of legal furbearers and that populations appear to be healthy and stable, I see no reason to consider the possible imposition of bag limits. As well, the potential for the imposition of bag limits, as indicated in the department summary, allows too much potential for political weaponization.

Should the Department and Commission continue to go forward with a rule change that does allow for the potential implementation of furbearer bag limits; at a minimum, the rule should require that the Director initiate the request and that not less than five of the seven Commissioners consent, for approval. This would somewhat help to ensure consistency with one of the founding principles of the North American Model, listed within Director Soane's statement, on the inside cover of the 2019-2020 New Mexico Small Game Hunting Rules and Info booklet: "Science is the proper tool to determine and discharge wildlife policy."

In my reviewing and considering the above paragraphs, regarding bag limits and the four year rule, the Department provided documents, and Chief Liley's presentation that I referenced above; first, I apologize for the convolution of my writing and that I couldn't find a simpler, easier to read, way to express my views. Also, I did a little more research in regard to what the existing trapping and furbearer rules are currently 'under', 19.31.10 NMAC. In light of my additional research, the Department's provided background information and Chief Liley's Cloudcroft presentation, which all seem to indicate that the current trapping and furbearer rules are working fine, along with the lack of any justification, that I have seen presented, for changing to a four year rule, I would like to clearly state; I am opposed to changing to a four year rule and I am opposed to bag limits for

furbearers.

The third item on the summary that I am in disagreement with is; the proposed requirement for breakaway devices for all snares set on land. This should be amended to exclude foot snares for cougars. I am aware that there is concurrently a separate proposed rule change being considered, that would disallow the trapping of cougars by the public, which if adopted, would preclude my opposition to the proposed rule change without the exclusion for cougar foot snares.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Turnbull

[Redacted signature]

**Brian Turnbull** | Procurement and Bidding Manager

[Redacted signature]



**From:** [Lopez, Tizio, DGF](#)  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: \*Sen. Heinrich - SA Letter of Opposition - NM- Trapping Rule\*  
**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019 1:01:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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**From:** Luke Houghton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 1:38 PM  
**To:** Luke Houghton  
**Cc:** Wirth, Peter; Ingle, Stuart; Stapleton, Sheryl; townsend@pvt.net; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] \*Sen. Heinrich - SA Letter of Opposition - NM- Trapping Rule\*

To all:

Please see the attached letter of opposition on behalf the Sportsmen's Alliance and its coalition members to U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich regarding the Commission's Trapping and Furbearer Rule Development 19.32.2 NMAC.

Thank you,

Luke Houghton  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]







September 17, 2019

The Honorable Martin Heinrich  
303 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Heinrich:

The Sportsmen's Alliance is a national organization that has been leading the way to protect and preserve our outdoor heritage for over 40 years. The New Mexico State Game Commission has recently proposed a rule that will ban trapping on an undisclosed amount of acreage of public land. The Sportsmen's Alliance, along with a growing coalition of New Mexico state based groups, are asking you to join us in opposing this action. (Commission's Trapping and Furbearer Rule Development 19.32.2 NMAC)

At the Commission's August 22nd meeting, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish described new restrictions in which trapping setbacks would be expanded to one half mile from trails, picnic areas, campgrounds and road side rest areas. Under current regulations, an individual can trap 25 yards off of trails and trail heads and a quarter of a mile away from roadside rest areas and picnic areas. This rule proposal would also ban land set traps from being used on the following public property:

- The Sandia Ranger District,
- The Eastern portion of Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument,
- Forest Service lands within one half mile of NM Hwy 475 on the Santa Fe National Forest and NM Hwy 150 on the Carson National Forest

While safety is of the utmost importance, a one half mile set back is extreme and a huge, untold number of acreage will be affected by this proposal. Our organization has reached out to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and have asked for the amount of acres that would be affected and were told that they did not know. At the very least, the public should be made aware of how many acres that this rule will affect before even considering moving forward. With setbacks already in place to protect people and their property, it would seem that the New Mexico State Game Commission is only trying to appease anti trapping legislators who made trapping bans one of their legislative priorities during the past legislative session but were defeated.

Access to quality land is one of the top reasons that sportsmen and women limit or quit outdoor activities such as trapping. When participation drops or ends altogether, much needed revenue to local economies as well as revenue to the state through the sale of licenses and permits will decline. Why would anyone eliminate trapping on huge swaths of public land where trappers can help stop the spread of disease and aid in the prevention of livestock and pet depredation at no cost to the taxpayer?

[REDACTED]



It is for these reasons we again ask you join our growing coalition and urge the New Mexico State Game Commission to reject the Trapping and Furbearer Rule Development 19.32.2 NMAC, rule proposal. I would be happy to discuss the matter with you further should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Houghton".

Luke Houghton  
Associate Director of State Services



CC: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham  
House Majority Floor Leader Sheryl Williams Stapleton  
House Minority Floor Leader James G. Townsend  
Senate Majority Floor Leader Peter Wirth  
Senate Minority Floor Leader Stuart Ingle  
  
Commissioner Roberta Salazar-Henry  
Commissioner Jimmy Bates





**SPORTSMEN'S**  
ALLIANCE

Commissioner Gail Cramer  
Commissioner Tirzio Lopez  
Commissioner David Soules  
Commissioner Jeremy Vesbach

[REDACTED]

**From:** [Prukop, Joanna, DGF](#)  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXT] Sierra Club Comment Letter on NM Furbearer Trapping  
**Date:** Monday, September 09, 2019 11:08:54 AM  
**Attachments:** [SC Letter Prukop Furbearer Trapping August 2019.pdf](#)

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**From:** Teresa Seamster [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019 8:00 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Sierra Club Comment Letter on NM Furbearer Trapping

Dear Joanna,

I apologize for the late submission of the attached comment letter for tomorrow's Commission meeting, and I will bring copies for the Commissioners in case this doesn't reach them in time.

Thank you and the Commission for your kind attention.

Teresa



Northern New Mexico Group  
Rio Grande Chapter



August 21, 2019

Dear State Game Commission Chair Joanna Prukop and Commissioners,

A segment in the NMDGF presentation for tomorrow has raised concerns regarding the proposed Furbearer Trapping Rule:

The Wildlife Society recognizes that trapping and sustained harvest of furbearers is a safe, effective method of managing and studying furbearers. Trapping of furbearers has been a part of the Department's approach to modern furbearer management, and the regulations and rules the Department has put in place have ensured that populations of furbearer species have persisted, and in some cases expanded, in the state.

The Northern New Mexico group has supported The Wildlife Society, NM Chapter in the past and hosted a national field trip for wildlife biologists to the Valles Caldera National Preserve to study best management practices in 2017.

We think the Society's *Standing Position on Traps, Trapping and Furbearer Management* needs to be examined carefully as to its' intent:

[https://wildlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/SP\\_TrapsTrappingandFurbearerManagement.pdf](https://wildlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/SP_TrapsTrappingandFurbearerManagement.pdf)

Excerpts from 11 points:

5. Recognize that animals can be injured by some traps and trapping systems and that ethical trapping requires using traps that kill animals quickly or capture and restrain animals in systems that reduce or eliminate injuries. This can be accomplished through: (a) regulatory and educational programs, (b) research that evaluates and improves trap performance, and (c) implementing acceptable and effective improvements in trapping technology, further reducing injury to captured animals while maintaining acceptable trapping efficiency and safety to users.



6. Promote development of improved traps, trapping systems, and additional methods of taking furbearing animals. Support the development of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for trapping in the United States, under the auspices of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and encourage state wildlife agencies to promote the use of BMPs in state furbearer management and trapper outreach programs. Support the sustainable use of furbearer resources in carefully regulated management programs.

8. Recognize that significant opposition to trapping exists, in North America and abroad. Advocate research on furbearers, trappers, trapping methods, and attitudes of publics toward trapping to advance understanding and facilitate resolution of controversial issues and problems associated with furbearer management.

Our group members support a diversity of lifestyles, and urge the Commission to carefully consider the safeguards implied in The Wildlife Society *Standing Position on Traps, Trapping and Furbearer Management* and change the proposed Rule to address:

1. The inability to enforce trapper behavior or use of humane practices with the current level of Conservation officers
2. The inability to prevent animal suffering if leg-hold and body gripping traps are allowed
3. The inability to prevent illegal by-catch of non-target species using leg-hold and body gripping traps
4. The persistent use of public trails (not only trailheads) as locations for placing traps as well as along streams where the public is likely to be present
5. The general under reporting of harvests by trappers, and non-reporting of by-catch that prevents accurate data gathering of trapping impacts on many furbearer species

In its place, a new rule should encompass the intent of professional wildlife managers and researchers that only humane trapping be permitted for research and management purposes and that healthy populations of species is the primary goal.

Trapping is inherently indiscriminate and problematic in today's environment, and like commercial fishing has already died out in many areas as populations have been over-harvested. With current **no bag limits** on most furbearer species and many documented **animal cruelty cases**, we need a serious review and regulation of this practice.



Bobcat trapped next to stream and left to starve.  
(Photo courtesy of Animal Protection New Mexico, 2019)

It is our mutual responsibility as New Mexicans to ensure that the state's wildlife is managed with the very real threat of species harm and decline from human activities always at the forefront of management decision-making.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Seamster". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, personal style.

Teresa Seamster



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Prukop, Joanna, DGE](#); [Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGE](#); [Soules, David, DGE](#); [Jeremy Vesbach](#); [Lopez, Tirzio, DGE](#); [Bates, Jimmy, DGE](#); [Cramer, Gail, DGE](#); [Sloane, Michael B., DGE](#); [Reyes, Victor, GOV](#); [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] TrapFree New Mexico comments on proposed furbearer rules  
**Date:** Thursday, November 07, 2019 10:05:10 AM  
**Attachments:** [TrapFree NM comments on proposed changes to furbearer rule.pdf](#)

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Dear Chair Prukop, Members of the Game Commission, Director Sloane, and Mr. Reyes,

Please see the attached comments regarding the current furbearer rule proposal on behalf of TrapFree New Mexico coalition members.

Sincerely,  
Chris Smith

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November 7, 2019

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**New Mexico State Game Commission**

Michael Sloane, Director  
**New Mexico Department of Game and Fish**

Victor Reyes, Legislative Director for Governor Lujan Grisham  
**Office of the Governor**

via Electronic Mail

Dear Director Sloane, Chair Prukop, members of the New Mexico Game Commission, and Mr. Reyes,

On behalf of TrapFree New Mexico, a coalition of non-profit conservation and animal protection organizations that have been working to reform trapping and furbearer species policy in New Mexico for 11 years, and each organization's members and supporters in New Mexico, we respectfully submit these comments on the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish's (NMDGF) most recent set of proposed changes to the Trapping and Furbearer Rule, dated August 29, 2019 ("Proposal").

Overall, the Proposal represents an inadequate effort to protect native wildlife, public lands, and companion animals, and one which various members of NMDGF and the Commission have stated publicly is intended to "preserve the future of trapping" despite opposition from the majority of New Mexicans. A ban on commercial, recreational, and unrestricted private depredation trapping across all of New Mexico's public lands is the most effective way to align wildlife policy with the will of our state's citizens, the best available science, and a 21<sup>st</sup> century ethic of coexistence, whether through administrative rulemaking or legislation.

### **Animal Cruelty**

The American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association oppose routine trapping primarily because of the injuries, trauma, and suffering inflicted upon trapped animals.<sup>1</sup> Eight states have prohibitions on leghold traps, 14 have prohibitions on Conibear body-gripping traps, and 21 have prohibitions on snares. New Mexico's neighboring state of Arizona prohibits all of these devices on public land,<sup>2</sup> and northern neighbor Colorado prohibits them statewide.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> American Veterinary Medical Association, 2017. Trapping and Steel-jawed Leghold Traps. <https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Trapping-and-Steel-jawed-Leghold-Traps.aspx>; American Animal Hospital Association, 2014. AAHA position statements and endorsements, leghold traps. <https://www.aaha.org/about-aaha/aaha-position-statements/leghold-traps/>

<sup>2</sup> Arizona Game and Fish. (2019). Arizona game and fish commission rules. [www.azgfd.gov/](http://www.azgfd.gov/)

Despite numerous modifications, most traps can cause serious injury and suffering, including broken legs, dislocated shoulders, lacerations, torn muscles, cuts to mouths and gums, broken teeth, fractures, amputation of digits, and death.<sup>4</sup> An animal trapped on land may suffer from psychological stress and/or pain, starvation, dehydration, predation, or exposure to severe weather.<sup>5</sup> If captured in aquatic traps, animals adapted to swimming and diving for long periods such as beavers and river otters can slowly suffer from hypoxia even if they struggle before drowning.

Conibear traps, intended to kill animals instantly by snapping the spinal column at the base of the neck, often mis-strike, and injured animals frequently escape from them. Studies show that Conibear traps generally kill less than 15 percent of trapped animals instantly and more than 40 percent usually die slow, painful deaths as unintended body parts such as abdomens, heads or limbs are smashed and crushed between the trap bars.<sup>6</sup>

The nature of animal suffering caused by traps differs from traditional hunting practices, in which a hunter is present to identify his or her target (and can discriminate between the target and non-targets) and uses skill to take precise aim at the animal in order to minimize suffering.

The Department of Game and Fish is citing trapping "Best Management Practices" (BMPs) in its presentations about trapping. These recommendations are not based on unbiased science, but instead based on voluntary reports and anecdotes from trappers and trapping advocates alone. The parameters used to judge animal suffering are arbitrary, and BMPs continue to allow terrible suffering as acceptable. BMPs were developed in response to the threat from the European Union to prohibit the importation of pelts from trapped animals because of significant concerns about animal welfare. But the very devices that the EU sought to prohibit were then conveniently found by those involved in the research to be acceptable after all. The BMP program has been criticized by independent scientists, wildlife professionals, and animal advocacy organizations as unscientific, self-serving, non-transparent, and designed to simply make trapping palatable to the broader public.<sup>7</sup>

Upon discovery by a trapper, wildlife can be killed in horrific manners in part to preserve fur and pelt intactness. Commonly used methods include strangling, drowning, bludgeoning and chest stomping.

While lamination, offsets, swivels, and anchors may offer incremental improvements, these and other changes in the Proposal ultimately will not sufficiently change the likelihood of suffering in leghold traps, nor can the Proposal adequately ensure that Conibear traps actually instantly kill animals. The Proposal also continues to allow trappers to kill trapped animals in unimaginably cruel ways.

## **Public Safety on Public Lands**

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<sup>3</sup> Colorado Parks and Wildlife. (n.d.). Furbearers and small game, except migratory birds; Article I – General provisions. [www.cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/)

<sup>4</sup> Phillips, R. L., et al. 1990. Leg injuries to coyotes in three types of foothold traps. *Wildlife Society Bulletin* 18: 166-175.

<sup>5</sup> Iossa, G., C. D. Soulsbury, and S. Harris. 2007. Mammal trapping: a review of animal welfare standards of killing and restraining traps. *Animal Welfare* 16: 335-352

<sup>6</sup> H. C. Lunn. "The Conibear Trap—Recommendations for its Improvement," Humane Trap Development Committee of Canada, Canadian Federation of Humane Societies. 1973.

<sup>7</sup> Fox, Camilla, 2009. Trapped in Debate. *Animal Welfare Institute quarterly letter* <https://awionline.org/awi-quarterly/2009-summer/trapped-debate>; Harrop, S.R. 2000. The trapping of wild mammals and attempts to legislate for animal suffering in international standards. *Journal of Environmental Law*, 12:333-360

Only ~175,000 acres, or 0.5 percent of public lands in New Mexico, would be affected by the four closures proposed. That is a miniscule amount of the total land on which New Mexicans hike, bike, fish, hunt, camp, and watch wildlife. Department staff say that these are “high recreation use areas,” but have provided no data to differentiate these areas from the countless other public lands across the state that New Mexicans use. Moreover, there is no data to suggest that these areas are actually more prone to negative trapping incidents than others.

While the Proposal’s closures may assuage the concerns of *some* urban New Mexicans that don’t venture far from home, they leave countless others vulnerable to encounters. Many New Mexicans and tourists alike enjoy utilizing public lands outside of the closure areas.

New Mexico’s growing outdoor recreation economy—reliant on our amazing public lands—is among our state’s greatest sustainable economic drivers and a priority of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. The creation of the Division of Outdoor Recreation is a step towards maximizing and promoting that financial resource. Our antiquated trapping rules are a threat to that economy. Maimed and killed companion animals and gruesome encounters with trapped, suffering wildlife are a blight on our reputation as a destination for outdoor recreation.

The increased setback around trailheads is welcome, but the omission of trails themselves is unconscionable. Department staff say that “trapper behavior” indicates that trappers won’t utilize trails because of the increased setback. Again, no data is provided to support this claim. If this claim is true, there is absolutely no reason that trails should not be closed entirely. At the same time, numerous incidents in past years where the public has found wildlife languishing in traps or experienced their dog caught in a trap have happened down-trail, miles beyond the trailhead.

If, as implied by closure areas and trailhead setbacks, traps represent a danger and a threat on New Mexico’s public lands, the real solution is a closure of all public lands. Closing some areas while leaving others unprotected is an inconsistency that favors some New Mexicans and leaves others exposed to the dangers and trauma imposed by traps.

### **Traps are Indiscriminate**

Traps are indiscriminate. This fact has been born out across the world, the country, and in New Mexico. Approximately 40 endangered Mexican gray wolves have been caught by non-government traps since 1998. Non-target animals including ravens, black bears, ungulates, javelinas, cougars (including spotted kittens), ground dwelling birds, protected squirrels and of course domestic dogs have been caught—sometimes injured, and sometimes killed—in New Mexico. Clarifying in the Proposal that it is unlawful to take certain species does not actually represent a change in outcome in the field.

Both leghold traps and Conibear traps have a high potential for capturing and/or killing non-target animals. Field studies of the Conibear 120 Magnum (used to trap small animals such as minks and pine martens) have shown that non-targeted species constitute more than 73 percent of all captures. Other information shows that between 2 and 10 non-targeted animals are trapped for every target animal captured. Still other studies found that non-targeted animals constitute between 56 percent and 76 percent of leghold trap captures.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> G. Proulx and M. W. Barrett. “Field Testing the C120 Magnum for Mink” Wildlife Society Bulletin 21 (1993): 421–426.



The only way to ensure that non-target animals—including endangered, threatened, non-game, and domestic animals—are not caught in traps is to eliminate traps from the landscape except when used or overseen by scientific professionals.

### **Decimation of Native Wildlife for Commercial and Private Profit**

The NMDGF supports the continuation of trapping native species without sufficient population data on furbearer species. Instead, NMDGF relies on faulty methods to gauge population health. In their presentations about population health, Department staff has insinuated that high bobcat mortalities implies a healthy population, but an increase in swift fox mortalities would be cause for concern—this is a baffling inconsistency. “Catch per unit effort” is cited by the Department as being acceptable for bobcats, but this data is only gathered from successful bobcat trappers which creates an inherent bias that compromises this assertion—there is no accounting for the number of unsuccessful trappers that never report this data. As a result, the primary pillar on which the Department bases its knowledge—and the subsequent broad lack of bag limits and annual kill limits—is the opinion of trappers. The NMDGF is catering to trappers’ wishes by relying on those same trappers to inform its understanding of how native species populations are faring.

Without any actual, scientific studies on furbearer populations, we cannot know that trapping is not or will not harm these populations. We are living through the sixth mass extinction event in Earth's history. In New Mexico’s fragile ecosystems, drought and other climate change implications will possibly make native species’ existences that much more difficult. Biodiversity (both within populations and among different species) is key to the resilience of our ecosystems. There is no publicly available data to suggest that trapping is not harming that biodiversity and resilience.

Moreover, the persecution of native carnivores can have negative consequences for the biome. A study in the Henry Mountains of Utah found that jackrabbits were the main source of competition with cattle for fodder. Intensive culling of coyotes, the main predator of jackrabbits, to supposedly benefit cattle has implication for the vegetative community that underpins ecosystem health and productivity.<sup>9</sup>

The North American Model of Conservation, which is often cited by wildlife managers and policymakers, expressly seeks to eliminate markets for wildlife.<sup>10</sup> Yet the purpose of commercial trapping is for private trappers to profit from the sale of trapped animal pelts. Another tenet declares that science is the proper tool for the discharge of wildlife policy, yet scientific data about the population densities, trends and effects of trapping are largely lacking when it comes to the species in New Mexico exploited for their fur. In short, commercial and recreational trapping is inherently at odds with the North American Model.

The Department should have thorough, scientific, peer-reviewed studies on all native furbearer species populations if it is going to allow harvest of those species. Until that precautionary principle is satisfied, commercial and recreational trapping should cease.

### **Furbearer “Management”**

Trapping has been touted by Department staff as a “legitimate” and “valuable” wildlife management tool. However, the type and scope of trapping has not been specified nor are the reasons stated for its necessity.

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<sup>9</sup> Ranglack, Dustin H, et al. [J Appl Ecol](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2664.12386). 2015 Apr; 52(2): 467–474. Published online 2015 Jan 26. doi: [10.1111/1365-2664.12386](https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2664.12386)

<sup>10</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North\\_American\\_Model\\_of\\_Wildlife\\_Conservation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_American_Model_of_Wildlife_Conservation)

There are no management plans for any trapped species, no stated goals, and no monitoring whether goals are being met, particularly for trapping by private individuals. New Mexico does not know the locations nor the number of traps set each year. Recreational and commercial trapping meets no known definition of the term "management" at all. Moreover, the majority of species trapped in New Mexico are self-regulating—populations are kept balanced by biological carrying capacity, social structures, and the establishment and defense of territories.

Trapping has not been shown to effectively protect against or mitigate livestock depredation concerns and in fact can exacerbate depredation risk when the rigid social structure of canid packs is disrupted by trapping.<sup>11</sup> Arizona and Colorado have both *heavily* restricted trapping and livestock depredation is not shown to have increased.<sup>12</sup>

Despite allusions to disease control by NMDGF staff during a presentation on the Proposal, a study on the Department's own website states that "[t]he influence of trapping on the occurrence and spread of wildlife diseases has not been established definitively."<sup>13</sup> According to the Centers for Disease Control, the National Academy of Sciences and the World Health Organization, as well as numerous other scientific, public health and veterinary organizations, there is no scientific evidence that trapping controls the spread of disease such as rabies.<sup>14</sup>

Because of social disruption, trapping can actually exacerbate disease outbreak as territories go up for grabs and the potential for physical contact caused by disputes between animals increases. The rabies outbreak in gray foxes in southwest New Mexico in 2008 followed an extremely high level of take by trappers. Over 1300 gray foxes were trapped and killed in Grant County alone in the 2007-2008 trapping season. It would appear that trapping not only didn't prevent the outbreak, but it may have instigated and worsened it. Uncoordinated, unplanned, and sporadic recreational and commercial trapping cannot be said to have value in mitigating wildlife diseases like rabies.

Furthermore, trappers do not prize animals culled naturally—typically the ill, aged, infirm, and very young—which can keep wildlife populations healthy. Instead, trappers work against natural selection by removing the healthiest animals with the best fur and discarding the unhealthy ones as by-catch.

Commercial and recreational trapping is not guided by science or driven by a goal. It doesn't follow a plan, and is not specific to any species or geographical region. Therefore, it cannot be characterized in the least as a legitimate wildlife management tool.

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<sup>11</sup> Comelio, Randy. Spring 2018. Using Coyotes to Protect Livestock. Wait. What?

[Oregon Small Farm News: Vol. XIII No. 2](#)

<sup>12</sup> [https://wildearthguardians.org/historical-archive/livestock-losses/;](https://wildearthguardians.org/historical-archive/livestock-losses/)

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/nahms/general/downloads/cattle\\_calves\\_deathloss\\_2015.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/nahms/general/downloads/cattle_calves_deathloss_2015.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/hunting/species/furbearers/Trapping-and-Furbearer-Management-in-North-American-Wildlife-Conservation.pdf>

<sup>14</sup> "Control of Rabies," National Research Council, Subcommittee on Rabies, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C., 1973. Choisy M. and P. Rohani. 2006. Harvesting can increase severity of wildlife disease epidemics. *Proc.R.Soc.B* 273: 2025-2034 "Controlling Wildlife Rabies through Population Reduction: An Ineffective Method," *The Rabies Monitor*, Vol. 4, No.1, Spring 1996.

## Conclusion

**We see no evidence that commercial and recreational trapping provides any benefit to wildlife. It is prohibited in many areas of New Mexico such as national parks and some monuments, the Valles Caldera and even Game Commission owned lands already without negative consequences. For this reason—and given concerns about animal suffering, public safety, and wildlife exploitation—we find it unacceptable anywhere in our state. But it is especially egregious when it occurs on public lands because of the conflict it creates with public use and values. For these reasons, we find the Proposal to be inadequate, and at a minimum urge that the use of traps and snares for private, commercial, or unrestricted depredation purposes be restricted to private lands only.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mary Katherine Ray  
Wildlife Chair  
Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter  
Magdalena

Tre Graves  
Field Representative  
Endangered Species Coalition  
Albuquerque

Chris Smith  
Southern Rockies Wildlife Advocate  
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**From:** [Prukop, Joanna, DGF](#)  
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Janet B. Arrowsmith, M.D.

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August 26, 2019

Joana Prukop  
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Santa Fe, NM 87504

Dear Ms. Prukop:

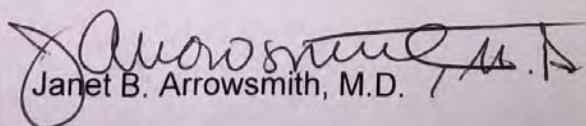
I am writing to you as a physician, an animal owner, and a citizen of New Mexico with an undergraduate degree in zoology. I was unable to attend the recent Commission in Santa Fe and so am submitting my comments by mail.

I urge you to ban the use of leg hold traps on New Mexico's public lands. I am personally aware of the results of poorly regulated trap placement and clear non-compliance with the requirement to identify traps and place them away from established trails. I lived in Lincoln County for 16+ years and rode the Lincoln National Forest on horseback. A dear friend's dog was caught in a leg trap located less than 50 feet from a trail that was identified on the U.S. Forest Service maps. The dog survived, but it was a gruesome and expensive injury. Leg hold traps inflict horrible injuries on the animals trapped by those steel jaws and it is clear from your own data that trappers do not regularly check the traps or clearly identify whose they are. In my friend's case, the trap was illegally placed near an established U.S. Forest Service trail. In my opinion, the inhumane nature of the devices should be sufficient to cause the Fish and Game Commission to ban their use on public lands.

Colorado, Arizona, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Washington State have all either banned or limited the use of leg traps on public lands. We are a state that relies heavily on tourism to support us. Allowing leg traps on public lands is surely a deterrent to people who might otherwise enjoy our beautiful natural sights, hikes, and camping. I believe it is in the state's best interests.

Please do the right thing. Please do not cater to the few licensed trappers in the state, ignoring the greater good for wildlife (game), hikers, and companion animals.

Sincerely,

  
Janet B. Arrowsmith, M.D.

Wesley E. BURRIS

[REDACTED]  
OCT. 8, 2019

New Mexico State Game Commission

Commissioner: Joanna Prukop,

I have been to two of your Commission meetings and public hearings on trapping issues. The two minutes allowed isn't enough time to say all I needed to say.

Trapping and dealing with animals in this respect is a very special and highly skilled work done by special and skilled people. There are only a few of us based on the number of people in New Mexico.

The private trapper has taken on the job the state and federal government trappers did for years. From the early 1900s to the 1970s, for all these years there wasn't a fur market like today. Some of the pelts were taken but not many compared to the number of animals killed.

When the fur market increased during the 1970s the private trapper began to take over.



Some government Trappers went private. When The government Trapping first started the agency was under The Department of Interior and it was "The Biological Survey". Later on The name was changed to "Animal Damage" or ADC. Sometime, I believe, in The 1980s IT was changed again to "Animal Plant and Health Service". Sometime later The name was changed again to "Wildlife Services". Also at sometime during These changes IT was Transferred from Dept. of Interior to Department of Agriculture.

Today Wildlife Services do not use foothold traps much. They use M44s which is a cyanide poison gun, or ariel gunning, shooting from an aircraft. No pelts are taken so it's a total waste.

The private trapper uses foothold traps or snares, NO POISON. The pelt is taken and the carcass is disposed of in a place where hawks, crows, and eagles will clean them up in a short time.

Private Trappers today using The best traps available and "Best Management Practices" provide The best wildlife conservation tool available and The most humane. The private works for ranchers, farmers, The New Mexico Dept of Game & Fish, hunters and fishermen for no pay.

In fact we pay to do The work we do. We have to buy a Trappers License, a small game license and habitat stamp and habitat management & access

Validation, all our equipment, vehicle expense and other necessities. Our pay is what we make from the pelts.

Trapping IS NOT A SPORT nor is done for recreation. IT is a way of life, it's a means of wildlife conservation, predator control, animal damage control, disease control, over population of predators and a means of livelihood for many people. Trapping is a primary activity and not derived from any other business or activity.

Most of the changes proposed by the Game Department are absolutely unnecessary.

There are two items that are O.K. The closing of the area east of Albuquerque and the most important issue is TRAPPERS EDUCATION.

This is something that the New Mexico Trappers Association has tried to get started for thirty years or more. One of the N.M. Trappers Assoc. presidents, "Tom McDowell" designed a Trappers Ed. program to teach Hunter Education Teachers how to teach Trapper Education. This was accepted by the N.M. Game & Fish Dept. and five or six classes were taught to Hunter Ed Teachers. I don't know why this didn't work except, maybe, Hunter Ed people didn't want to teach Trappers Ed. IT still needs to be done.

I have been asked to teach Trappers Ed. or Hunters Ed. classes a number of times in the past years and have done so. This seems to work OK. The only problem is there are only a few people who know how to teach Trappers Ed.

Another thing I see about the proposed changes is the fact that there is no scientific or biological reason for these proposed changes. What is the reasoning for these changes?

It appears to me that it is political.

The State Game Commission SHOULD NOT be acting on a political agenda. Is this being pushed on the Commission from higher up the ladder? Is this being done because the State Legislature didn't pass the anti-trapping Bill last year?

I would sure like to know.

Sincerely

Shelby E. Burris



**From:** Luke Houghton [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** [EXT] \*Sen. Heinrich - SA Letter of Opposition - NM- Trapping Rule\*  
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To all:

Please see the attached letter of opposition on behalf the Sportsmen's Alliance and its coalition members to U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich regarding the Commission's Trapping and Furbearer Rule Development 19.32.2 NMAC.

Thank you,

Luke Houghton

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**From:** Marcia Kellam [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 09/23/2019 06:02:20 PM  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Animal Trapping on Public Lands

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Dear Commissioner:

I am a wildlife advocate in Sante Fe, and am VEHEMENTLY opposed to any trapping, poisoning, cyanide bombing or other horrific and painful killing methods of animals on our public lands. I supported the passing of Roxy's Law in the 2019 legislative session, and was extremely sad that it did not pass, despite widespread support.

Here are some critical reasons why trapping should be banned:

- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Our wildlife is meant to be out there. And the cruelty of trapping and other killing methods has got to stop. I have seen animals suffer, and it is appalling, unnecessary and not right. Those who support it are only supporting it for their personal gain, as I see it.

Thank you for taking the right step for our state and our iconic and beautiful animals!!!

Sincerely,

Marcia Kellam

**From:** magpie rankin [REDACTED]

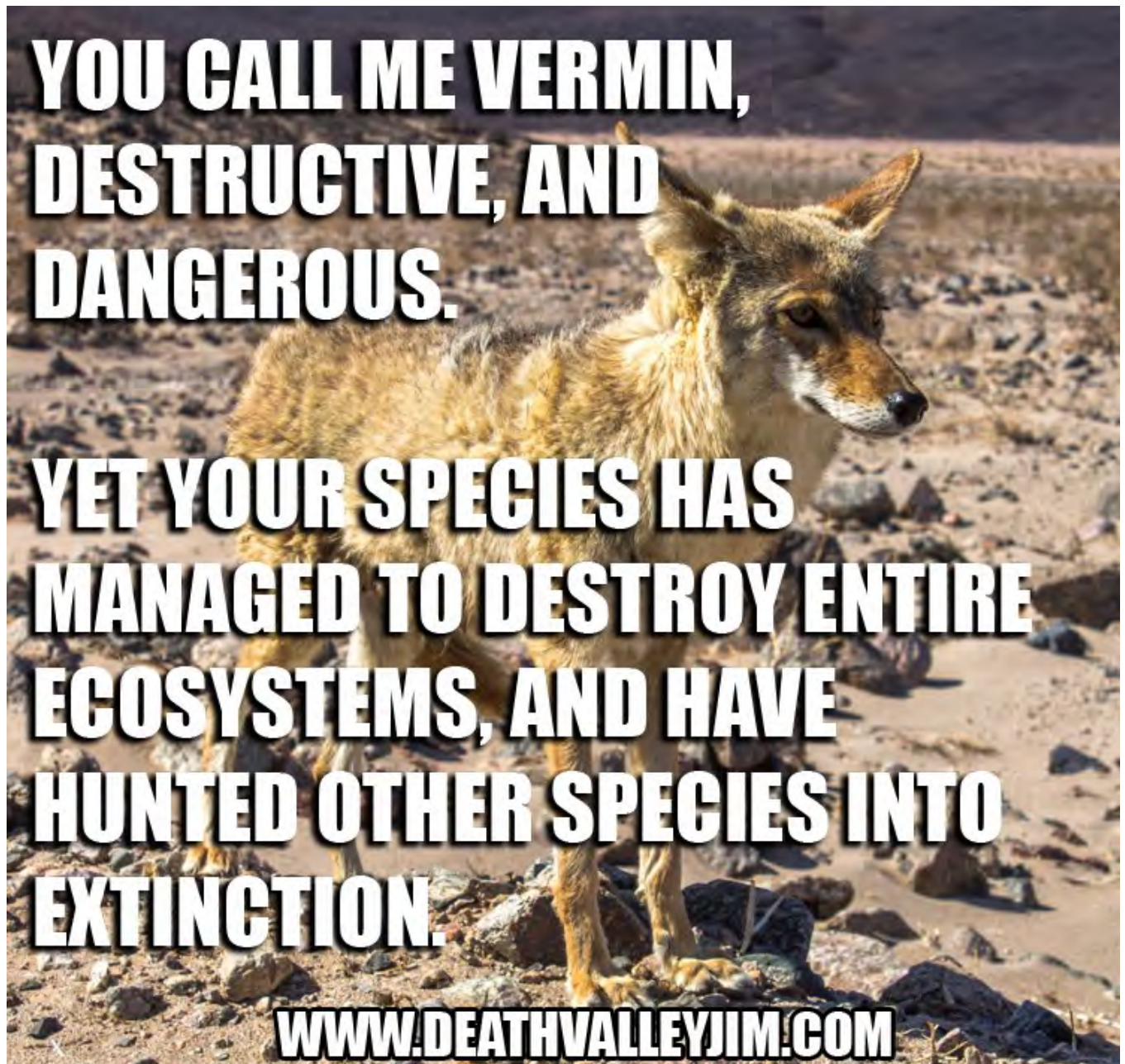
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**Subject:** [EXT] BAN ALL TRAPPING!!!!

hello, there is NO reason to be trapping animals anymore ever again! It is so cruel and so unnecessary not to mention barbaric and disgusting. I beg you, for the sake of innocent animals in New Mexico, just ban trapping.  
and stop coyote and prairie dog hunts too.

thank you,  
maggi rankin  
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**From:** Patty Mann [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** [EXT] BAN ALL TRAPS ON NM PUBLIC LANDS!

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THE TIME HAS COME TO BAN ALL TRAPS ON NEW MEXICO PUBLIC LANDS!

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC OUTCRY TO STOP THIS TERRIBLE PRACTICE!

Trapping is cruel: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Trapping is indiscriminate: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

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THANK YOU,

Sincerely,

Patricia Mann RN, MSN  
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**From:** Francois-Marie Patorni [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** [EXT] Ban animal trapping on New Mexico public lands

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Game Commissioners:

This is to ask you to abide by your public duty, morality, and responsibility, and ban animal trapping on New Mexico public lands.

François-Marie Patorni

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**From:** SUSAN PEIRCE [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Trapping in New Mexico

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New Mexicans want and deserve traps OFF of public lands. Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife.

Susan S. Peirce  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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I strongly urge you to support anti-trapping measures for New Mexico.

The public majority is against trapping for safety, conservation and anti-cruelty reasons. It is critical that decisive steps be taken toward a trap free state (with special exceptions such as those laid out in HB-366).

The proposed changes to the trapping rule are grossly inadequate.

Please act for the majority of New Mexicans and our precious wildlife.

Jane Clancy,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Christina Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 09:32:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban trapping on all public lands now!

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These are my animals too and I want to see them alive and well not butchered for sport by a few.  
Thank you. Christina Miller [REDACTED]



**From:** Delise9999 [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 02:43:20 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from all of New Mexico's Public Lands

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**Dear Representative,**

**We are a family of 5 and are demanding that Game Commissioners ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands.**

**Thank you.**

**Dr. Dianne Strauss**

**From:** Lucy Smith [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 06:39:41 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps on Public Lands

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Dear State Game Commission Members,

I urge you to ban all trapping on our public lands. Why should a handful of trappers get to destroy the animals that the rest of us would love to see on our public lands? And the traps are cruel. I understand trapping for gophers near an orchard but even there the traps are quick. Leg hold traps mean the animal is in terrible pain and suffers a slow death. Think about it! Humans terrorizing other species again. We can do better. Those beautiful pelts belong on the animals that grew into them, not adorning some boutique fur lined hoodie worn by a privileged person. If the trapper needs to trap to make ends meet maybe the Game Commission could pay them to pick up garbage on our roadways or trailheads. A buy it back kind of program with the state. Anyway I don't want them killing animals in the forest who have a hard enough time surviving in the age of climate change.

Respectfully,  
Lucy M. Smith  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Adam Sapp [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/17/2019 10:39:44 PM  
**To:** Soules, David, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Bear Quotas and Cougar Trapping Ban

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the State Game Commission,

I'd like to start by thanking you for your service in protecting and managing the wildlife and wild places of New Mexico on behalf of its residents, and continuing to support sustainable and ethical use of its wildlife resources.

Now to the point.

First, I would like to express my opposition to the proposed ban on cougar trapping, as I feel it is not motivated from a scientific basis or management scheme, but instead motivated by a short sighted emotional argument that fails to maturely address the issue of cougar management as a part of wildlife management as a whole. The only purpose that I can see for this ban is to chip at the rights of NM hunters and trappers for the sake of political correctness?

Second I would like to express my opposition to a similar proposal from the New Mexico Bear Watch group members to lower the Sow mortality quota based on their distrust of the science based management plan put forth by the game and fish department regarding black bears. As a bear hunter I count on this hunt as an ethical source of food for me my family, especially in years when I'm not fortunate enough to draw, or harvest other big game. I support reasonable harvest quotas based on sound scientific population estimation techniques - not based on the emotional burden of people who either don't understand where food comes from or think they are justified in enforcing their values on others.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Adam Sapp

**From:** Elizabeth B. Barnett [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 03:32:56 PM  
**To:** DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Cc:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Changes in the trapping rule.

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I am writing to say that I find the following proposed set changes inadequate to provide the necessary protection to the wildlife on our public lands. I hike in the desert adjacent to my house daily and I enjoy seeing the wildlife that remains.

- Closing only 0.5% of New Mexico's public land to most traps.
- Increasing setbacks from trailheads, but not from trails or roads.
- Adopting a year-round season for raccoons and nutria.
- Increasing trap check times for underwater traps.

In fact, I request that you discard this proposal and ask that you ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands.

Elizabeth B. Barnett  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Chance Thedford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/18/2019 07:45:11 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Soules, David, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] City Approves Plan to Trap Coyotes in Los Angeles County | California News | US News

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I watched public comment today in Cloudcroft and noticed a lady said several states have banned trapping. Actually California is the only state that has banned fur trapping and the link I am sending shows how well it is working for them. One week after the ban, LA county commission voted 6-1 to hire trappers to control coyotes.

Chance Thedford  
President NMTA

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/california/articles/2019-09-11/city-approves-plan-to-trap-coyotes-in-los-angeles-county>

**From:** Brian Turnbull [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/23/2019 09:58:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comments on Proposed Bear and Cougar Rules

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New Mexico State Game Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing to express my opposition to part of the proposed bear and cougar rule changes. Specifically, I am opposed to the Department's recommendation to no longer allow the use of traps and snares as a legal method for the harvest of cougars.

In attempting to understand why the Department would propose this rule change, I have reviewed the published Commission Meeting Agenda Briefing, titled "Subsequent Discussion on the Bear and Cougar Rule for 2020-2024 Hunting Seasons" and I also attended the Commission meeting at Cloudcroft, held on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please forgive me if I have missed something but the only reason that I have been able to find for this proposed rule change, is in the Department's Briefing where it is stated:

"The Department recommends no longer allowing traps and snares as a legal method for sport harvest because it is only minimally being used by sportsmen and women. During each of the past three years, between 4 and 20 cougars were harvested with traps, representing between 1 and 7% of the total harvest."

In my opinion, "because it is only minimally used by sportsmen and women." seems to be an extremely weak rationale to disallow a practice that has been established to be an effective cougar management tool, especially when it is funded by individual trappers. I have seen no mention of administrative costs or other detriments to the Department. I do see that allowing the practice to continue has the potential to increase revenue for the Department by the sale of licenses. It also seems to me that 7% of a total annual harvest is a significant number for a practice that has only been allowed for a short time and in limited areas. I expect that expansion of the allowable trapping area, to include federal lands, would likely change the harvest numbers substantially.

Disallowing the use of traps and snares by the public also seems contradictory to the Department's mission statement, where it is stated; "using a flexible management system that ensures sustainable use for public food supply, recreation and safety"; specifically in regard to the recreation aspect.

Why the Department would forego potentially increased revenue, however minimal and instead prevent the public from assisting in a management practice that brings in revenue for an activity that the Department has historically expended funds to accomplish is not fiscally logical. As well, doing so is a restriction upon public freedom and is contrary to the principles on which our country was founded.

Above, I have expressed the primary points of my concern regarding the proposed rule change. Here, I would like to ask that this proposed rule change (No longer allow foothold traps and foot snares as a method of take for cougars) be deleted, in its entirety as well as ask that the Department work to expand the allowable public cougar trapping area to include federal lands within the state. Also, here; as I expect that time may be limited for those who review these comments, I would like to thank you for considering my views and requests. Below, I will offer my perspective (which does include speculation) on why the Department may have proposed this particular rule change and also explain my 'standing' regarding this matter....in case it matters and if time allows for these to be taken into account.

This is speculative on my part but it appears to me that the Department may have proposed the above discussed rule change as a concession to the "anti-trappers" as well as possibly other "animal rights, etc." types of groups and/or individuals. For that reason, I would like to explain my perspective in regard to what those types of folks seem to be on a mission to accomplish.

I would like to make it clear that I do understand compassion. I also understand that many, if not most, animals are beautiful and/or cute to look at. I enjoy seeing wildlife probably as much as anybody. I greatly prefer to see wildlife that is healthy as opposed to otherwise. I also understand that wildlife is a resource given to us, to be used and managed. I know that some folks will never come to terms with the concept of "humanely harvesting" or basically "humanely killing" something but there are several facts to be considered. Among those facts are: life is not fair; death is not fair; all living things will die; humans have for longer than I can attest to, relied upon the death of animals for subsistence (and in some cases vice versa); many animals rely on the death of other animals for subsistence; few of us humans and virtually no animals consciously choose when or how we will die. With these facts in mind, it simply stands to reason that life relies upon death. There is no way around it, on Earth. I and many others accept these facts, anyone who does not, does not accept reality.

Now as far as some perspective on 'humanely killing'; it seems to me that the most humane way to die would be to just cease to live....no pain....no suffering....no stress....etc. Some living beings are apparently afforded that ultimately humane type of death but probably not most. Do animals, specifically predatory animals consider humanely killing their prey? Seems doubtful, doesn't it? While one healthy deer fawn might be virtually killed instantly from a lion bite through the skull, never knowing that the lion was even in the area, an elk calf may have its ears and tail chewed off by coyotes that then begin feeding upon its entrails before it is dead. Then, let's consider how long and painful a disease, old age or other affliction might be in bringing about death. I think there is not much, in general, that we as humans can do to change the circumstances of death, short of possibly nuking the entire Earth, all at once.

Is attempting to kill an animal with a rifle shot to the brain, which is a relatively small target, more humane than with a shot through the lungs? Is trapping and dispatching an animal more humane than being killed by disease, old age, mange or a non-human predator? The answers to these questions and an infinite number of similar questions are obviously relative to the individual and the circumstances. So, as a hunter, a trapper, a harvester of wildlife and domestic animals, the best I can do is to be as humane as possible, within reason.

All who live for any significant length of time on Earth are dependent upon death. Some may claim to subsist entirely without relying upon the death of animals but have they considered the insect, rodent and possibly bird control utilized in the production of their grub? I accept these facts of life and death and have come to terms with participating in the respectful killing of animals, as humans have always done. For those who won't accept facts, my suggestion to you is; find something else, something that pleases you and is worthwhile to think about and let someone else do the killing for your subsistence.

For those who actively seek to change, unnecessarily restricting our American way of life, as hunters, fishermen, trappers, owners and users of public land and resources; as well as our government representatives and their appointees, who make and modify laws and rules, I would like to offer the following comment: Please keep in mind that the Constitution of the United States was implemented to limit the government, not for the purpose of limiting the freedom of the people. To our government officials; I am well aware that our freedoms under the Constitution have already been compromised on many facets and I urge you to work to reduce the usurpation that has already taken place while not allowing further erosion of the people's freedom. To the "activists" who continually assault our freedom to do or be things that they don't like or agree with; Where will your assault on freedom end? Shall I actively seek to have the government mandate that you change the brick on your house because I don't like the color of it? To the man who commented at the Cloudcroft meeting that he loves to hunt but would like to see trapping banned; get ready bud, you're next.

In regard to my 'standing' regarding this matter: I am a lifelong New Mexico resident and for the last 49 consecutive years, I have bought various combinations of New Mexico hunting, fishing, trapping, bear, cougar and draw hunt licenses. As I approach a time in my life where it appears that I may be afforded some free time in the next few years, I decided that I would learn to trap, an activity that I have always been interested in but never had the time to pursue. A large part of my decision to get involved in trapping was due to having the potential of legally harvesting cougars. Just in the last few months, I have done a lot of studying, talking with experienced trappers and stocking up on the equipment needed. While I intend to learn to catch animals other than cougars as well, I probably would not have jumped off into the investment without the potential to legally set for and harvest cougars. I understand and accept that life is not fair but just so those of you who are making decisions regarding our wildlife laws and activities might more comprehensively understand the impact of your decisions, I'd like for you to know that I have invested well beyond a thousand dollars and I'm fairly certain that if I took the time to account for all of it, likely over two thousand dollars towards this endeavor and I assure you that this is no exaggeration. I have also spent many hours adjusting, dyeing and waxing traps, fabricating stakes and getting ready for the season. So to conclude; it is quite discouraging to see the Department and Commission consider shutting down something that I just made a significant investment into and was so looking forward to, especially with no more rationale than what has been presented.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brian Turnbull



**Brian Turnbull** | Procurement and Bidding Manager







**From:** CLAUDIA FISHER [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/17/2019 07:40:36 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] cougar trapping

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Dear Commissioners:

I am requesting that you continue to allow the trapping of cougars on private land. As the Dept. itself stated, there is no biological or scientific reason to abolish cougar trapping. Regulating through social pressure is not good for animals or humans.

We have been requested by private landowners to remove predating cougars from their land which we were able to do and took care of a problem at no expense to the NMDGF. We were also able to use the pelt and meat which would not have been allowed under a depredation permit.

I urge you to continue cougar trapping.

Thank you

Claudia W. Fisher  
[REDACTED]

**From:** shelly thedford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/18/2019 01:33:52 PM  
**To:** David Soules <davidsoules@comcast.net>; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; R.Salizar-Henry <r.salizar-henry@state.nm.us>; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Lion Trapping

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As a New Mexico Trapper I am offended by the very lax use of the word recreational trapping. I don't trap as just a little thing to do. I trap to help my rancher protect his livestock. You are making it where my rancher can't call me to take a lion off his property. I have to tell him how sorry I am, but I will need to release this lion and you will have to call an already over loaded game and fish officer to take care of this, so let's just watch this lion continue take your cattle down until someone can get hear. The facts that you are missing, and mind you it's very important. As a trapper I purchase a lion tag to trap...and hear it is, the facts, read carefully!! #1 I purchase the tag. #2 I can only take 2 lion per trapping season. Not 30, not 15, not 45. 2!! #3 I can only take them on private and State Trust Land. I don't have access to all public land to use my lion tags like houndsman or hunter. #4 I can only trap from November to March.

You are taking away a tool for me and my rancher.

Thank You,  
Shelly Thedford

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**From:** Carol Norton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 04:59:24 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] New Mexicans want trap-free lands

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Respectfully,

Please ban all trapping on all public lands. It is a cruel and indiscriminate practice with real impacts on our pets and wildlife. I understand that it is a hard thing to do, but we really need your leadership. Sometimes you have to do what is socially acceptable and morally ethical.

Your proposed half measures are ineffective and are only going to make the situation worse. Better to not do anything at all than set a precedent for ineffectiveness. We want to trust you.

Best, cn



**CAROL NORTON**  
*Associate Director*



**From:** Kelly E [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/19/2019 08:39:26 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] NM Trapping is out of control

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- Here are my thoughts on trapping, which you should consider when making a decision:
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- **Trapping is cruel: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.**
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- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is a **drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

NO relaxation of trapping laws--in fact they should be curtailed!

Best,

Kelly Eigler  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rupert Chambers [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/18/2019 09:02:02 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] NO AMOUNT OF TRAPPING IS OK

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from grandson of a former NM State Game and Fish Commissioner



**From:** Sandy Ragan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 03:33:20 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] NO AMOUNT OF TRAPPING IS OKAY

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### **Please – the public wants trap-free public lands in New Mexico**

Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

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Trapping is a **drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch.

Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

**No more trapping, please.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandy Ragan  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Darshan F. Jessop [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 02:46:59 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] No trapping

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Please ban all trapping. No animal, no creature of God, deserves such cruelty. We are killing off the planet and driving so many animals to extinction, not the least of which are wolves. Please ban this heinous art of killing animals.

D Jessop

"The other person is you."

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 07:59:44 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] No traps in New Mexico

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I am writing to say that all traps should be banned in NM! They are a danger not only to wildlife but to pets and people.

Sincerely, Marlene Foster, [REDACTED]

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**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 03:15:16 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please -- Ban Trapping!

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Dear State Game Commissioners:

Trapping of animals is a barbaric practice that puts the State of New Mexico to shame. It has no place in our cultural, economic, and agricultural life in the 21st century. It **must** be officially banned, **now**. New Mexico should be leading the way in enacting best environmental practices in modern U.S. society. It should not be the last to abandon sanctioning cruel, hazardous, wasteful, and ecologically destructive acts. Please **do the right thing** to advance our State's best interests and make it a model of national renown, a place where wildlife and human beings coexist safely and ethically.

Thank you,

Emily B. Rudin

*Emily B. Rudin, MLA*

*Landscape Architecture Design and Consulting*

**From:** Kelly Maynard [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 02:35:57 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] please ban trapping on public lands!

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- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
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Kelly Maynard

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/17/2019 06:03:32 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Please ban trapping on public lands

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners,

Please listen to the great majority of public opinion and ban all trapping on NM public lands. Traps are cruel and cause terrible suffering. They injure and kill non-target animals and endanger wild native species that are already stressed. Traps are dangerous to dogs and pets and people, too.

Please represent the public's interest in banning trapping from our public lands.

Sincerely, Anne Haven McDonnell

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**From:** DAWN FOSTER [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 03:24:10 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Ban Traps from all of New Mexico's Public Lands!!

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Please consider the following points when considering this most important issue:

- Trapping is **cruel; and indiscriminate:** trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation; unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is **a public safety hazard:** to humans and domestic pets. Each year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death.
- Trapping is **a drain on wildlife:** for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit, and trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue to New Mexicans.

**From:** Carrie Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/17/2019 07:38:26 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands

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Thank you for your time right now.

I am 1 person among the 70% of New Mexican's who would like you to **ban traps from all of NM public lands.**

**My reasons for this are as follows:**

**Trapping is a drain on wildlife: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as she/he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species for private profit.**

**Trapping is cruel: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation. Can you imagine this? This is horrible!**

**Trapping is indiscriminate: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals.**

**Trapping is a public safety hazard: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in **amputation** and, in **two cases**, death. Traps are a danger to people too.**

**Carrie Thompson**

"everyday you are invited to make choices, live your values, change the world"

**From:** Elizabeth Wiseman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 04:59:52 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] PLEASE BAN TRAPS IN NM

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When my little brother was 9 years old, he stepped in a trap intended for coyote. This was in WA state, a long way from our borders, but it can happen anywhere. My brother did not lose his foot, but he did suffer permanent damage and will always walk with a limp.

I saw first hand what a trap can do to a person, never mind the poor animals they are intended for.

I implore you to please support a complete ban on trapping in NM. It is a cruel practice that causes unnecessary pain and suffering.

We cannot call ourselves anything less than barbarians while condoning such horrific treatment of animals.

Thank you kindly for your support of wildlife in our beautiful state.

***Elizabeth Wiseman***

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/21/2019 09:08:14 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Please.....Ban Traps on NM Public Lands

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Dear Members of the NM Game Commission:

Please consider the wishes of the majority of New Mexicans who wish to free our public lands from the scourge of traps. My own experience confirms that traps placed on our public lands are a dangerous menace to all who live near or hike on our public lands. In the winter of 2010, my two dogs were caught in traps as I was walking in the National Forest that surrounds my village of San Cristobal, NM (Taos County). While attempting to free one dog who was howling in pain, my own fingers got caught in the trap. Luckily, that trap was loosely hooked by a chain around a tree so I was able to untie it and run down to the village with the trap on my hand, where a neighbor helped release me. I then drove up and found my other dog trapped as well. Her trap was staked into frozen ground. Because of the unique circumstances pertaining to how she was trapped, I was able to release her in about an hour with tools in my car. If my trap had been similarly staked, I may have died that night in the sub-freezing temperatures. This dog required many stitches and antibiotics. I received x-rays, antibiotics and a tetanus shot at urgent care. My fingers are still damaged. Total cost: around \$500. Much worse was the trauma to myself and my dogs, and a now persistent knowing that anywhere I walk with my dogs on public lands throughout our state, we are susceptible to again becoming victim to this senseless, cruel and abhorrent practice.

These indiscriminate devices also capture many hundreds of unintended animals yearly, including endangered or threatened species, and conflict with the vast majority of New Mexicans' ethical and humane values.

The outdoor recreation economy relies on having safe public lands that people can enjoy. Traps, snares, and poisons put the public at risk -- whether it's New Mexicans hiking with their families and dogs, or tourists from out-of-state spending time on our public lands. Neighboring states (Colorado and Arizona) have already banned traps, snares and poisons on public land.

To be clear, prohibiting traps will not affect hunting or fishing. Also, the following exceptions to a total ban have been suggested:

- > It could allow government entities to protect human health and safety in specific situations;
- > It could allow the NMDGF to use non-lethal traps/snares to address depredation;
- > It could allow the use of live cage traps to remove animals damaging crops, property, or livestock on public land, and to recover lost domestic animals or feral animals;

I strongly believe that all of the above reasons and considerations for banning traps on NM public lands vastly outweigh arguments put forth by proponents of trapping, as does the overwhelming public sentiment to prohibit traps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arifa Goodman

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**From:** cal jaeger [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/22/2019 02:41:15 PM  
**To:** DGF-Bear-Cougar-Rules  
**Cc:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Proposed changes to Bear and cougar rules

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I hope that the members of the NMGFD/NMGFC will adopt a reasonable, conservative bear management program. Bears in New Mexico are one of the most vulnerable species in the state because of their low reproductive rates. I am asking you to review the current bear sow hunt limit and adjust the current number to a lower number.

The current sow limit is 318 for the next four years yet the harvest average for the last four years is 180. The average age of sows being killed is 6.5 years and in New Mexico sows normally have their first cub at 5.7 years. For a healthy bear population to survive in New Mexico, I propose that no more than 100 sows (including depredation) be killed statewide in future harvests until harvested sow ages show that they are rebounding to viable age ranges.

I was not aware until I read a letter to the editor (Abq Journal, 17 Sep 2019) from Craig McClure (Black Bear Bureau) that New Mexico allowed killing of bear cubs that are 1 year old or less. Also I did not realize that hunters were allowed to use dogs to hunt down and trap the bears or cougars and then use telemetry to locate and shoot them like they were in a carnival arcade. This is hunting ?? No, this blood sport and something that I believe most New Mexicans would not support. I urge you to prohibit the killing of bear cubs and the use of dogs to hunt bears or cougars.

Cal Jaeger  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ben & Yolanda Garcia [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 07:32:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Proposed Changes Trapping and Furbearer Rule

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Commissioner Tirzio Lopez  
New Mexico Game & Fish Commission

Dear Commissioner Lopez:

We ask that you please accept this letter as our public comment and request that you more diligently strengthen the proposed changes to the trapping and furbearer rule.

The Commission's proposals (as listed below) are seriously lacking in many ways and New Mexico Citizens, their pets, and the wild animals of our beautiful state deserve better.

- 1) Close only 0.5% of New Mexico's public land to most traps
- 2) Increase setbacks from trailheads, but not from trails or roads
- 3) A year-round season for raccoons and nutria
- 4) Increase trap check times for underwater traps

Traps are cruel, as trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation. Traps are indiscriminate and unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Further, endangered species and companion animals are habitually caught in traps. Trapping is a public safety hazard as every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. In 2019, some of those trapped resulted in amputation and, in two cases, death. Traps are a danger not only to our companion animals, but to adults and children as well.

Indiscriminate trapping is allowing a draining away of our wildlife. Trappers for only \$20 (paying no gross receipts tax), are allowed unrestricted action to kill **as many furbearers as they want and are not liable for the bycatch**. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts routinely end up in Eastern Europe and Asia.

Seventy percent (70%) of New Mexicans oppose trapping entirely. A public lands trapping ban such as Roxy's Law is the best way to stop the cruelty and risk to public safety. New Mexicans want and deserve traps off their public lands. Traps are dangerous, and they are causing our native wildlife to vanish from our beautiful landscape.

Please ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ben & Yolanda Garcia  
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**From:** Edward LeBlanc [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/17/2019 06:47:59 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Public Lands Trapping

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Dear Madams and Sirs,

Because of the possibility of encountering animal traps, I have been afraid to use public land, especially when my son was young. That is wrong.

I have read that the likelihood of my becoming trapped and being unable to free myself is low, but I shouldn't have to consider the possibility. I shouldn't have to consider the possibility that my son might have become trapped if he were to have run off the trail without me. Would a frightened little boy or girl be able to free themselves, if they were just out of hearing range of a parent?

We have used public lands in spite of my fears and we have been fortunate to have had no incidents, in spite of having been off trail, including more than a 1/2 mile off trail.

While the proposed changes might be an improvement, the presence of traps is still a danger. They are still a danger to dogs and children. They will continue to trap unintended animals including threatened, endangered and prohibited species. They still will be inhuman.

The danger to our citizens, our pets, our wildlife and our tourism industry far outweighs the benefit to a few individual trappers.

The only solution to this problem is to ban trapping on public land.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward LeBlanc

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**From:** Ben & Yolanda Garcia [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/17/2019 01:09:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] RE: Proposed Changes Trapping and Furbearer Rule

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Thank you so much. Ben & Yolanda Garcia

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**From:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF [mailto:Tirzio.Lopez@state.nm.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** Ben & Yolanda Garcia  
**Subject:** Re: [EXT] Proposed Changes Trapping and Furbearer Rule

Mr. and Mrs. Garcia,

Thank you for your comments on the proposed changes. I will forward your letter so that it may be part of the public comment.

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Tirzio

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**From:** Ben & Yolanda Garcia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 7:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Proposed Changes Trapping and Furbearer Rule

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New Mexico Game & Fish Commission

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Please ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ben & Yolanda Garcia

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 02:50:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Remove all traps from public lands

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I am one of the 70 percent of New Mexicans oppose trapping entirely. The proposed changes to the Trapping and Furbearer Rule are completely inadequate. Please pass a bill to remove traps from public lands. It is in the public interest to do so:

- Trapping is a drain on wildlife: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species in many cases, key ecosystem engineers for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

- Trapping is a public safety hazard: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in amputation and, in two cases, death. Traps are a danger to people too.

- Trapping is indiscriminate: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

- Trapping is cruel: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Thank you,

Kris Herbst

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**From:** DAVID NOLTENSMEYER [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 05:39:39 PM  
**To:** RSalazar-Henry@state.nm.us; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Cc:** GailCramer@state.nm.us; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Tell the Game Commission: no amount of trapping is OK

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Dear Game Commissioners.

I am writing you to consider stronger measures than those proposed to govern the Cruel and Inhumane practice of harvesting/trapping animals in New Mexico.

There is simply no place in condone a practice that most hunters and a great number of the population opposes. The current practice does nothing to manage wildlife in our state and I know no Fish and Game officers that would step up and say that trapping animals is an integral part of the state's long term wildlife management plan. Instead this archaic practice helps to reduce the natural predator / prey population and allow our ecosystems in our great state to become more unbalanced. All for the profit of a few individuals that essentially return nothing to the state in terms of fees, taxes or restocking of harvested animals. Needless to say anything about unnecessary suffering a trapped animal endures before it dies. Where is the doctrine of Fair Chase hunting here that most honorable hunters abide by. Lastly it is a public hazard for those of us who pay our taxes that support public use lands in the state.

Your consideration in this is greatly appreciated

Michael D Noltensmeyer  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Crystal Wolf [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 03:46:01 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] trap-free public lands in New Mexico

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# **trap-free public lands in New Mexico!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**From:** mary [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/17/2019 08:43:56 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping - proposed changes

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I am writing because I am opposed to any trapping on public lands. The new rules proposed are not enough. Trapping is not necessary and poses a danger to the public or their pets in enjoying public lands.

I also think that the report from the United Nations on the loss of biodiversity, species decline, and threat of extinction of more than half of the worlds species speaks volumes as to why trapping should not be permitted. We need each individual animal to contribute their ecological function and genetic material toward the future.

I realize there may be circumstances such as a sick animal that needs to be removed but that is a totally different issue.

Mary Orr  
[REDACTED]

**From:** cal jaeger [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 09/22/2019 02:43:48 PM  
**To:** DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Cc:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping and Furbearer Rule

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Trapping for any purpose is a cruel and inhumane practice. It is indiscriminate, taking anything including protected and endangered wildlife, as well as pets. I believe the majority of New Mexicans do not support trapping. Trapping of any kind, including snares, should be banned!!!!

If the NMGFD is not willing to implement a total ban then I would propose at least the following:

- No trapping should be allowed in any area where there are public camp grounds and/or trails where there is a chance that the public and their pets come in contact with traps.
- All traps should be clearly marked and visible to anyone walking in the area.
- All traps should be marked with owner of the trap and their contact information and should be checked by that owner at least every 24 hours.
- Trappers should have to report the number and type of animals killed by traps. The State of New Mexico should receive gross receipt taxes for all income from trapped animals.
- Institute bag limits on all furbearers

The tourist industry in New Mexico is a very big business and brings in considerable money into this state. Trapping, like cockfighting and coyote hunting contests, is inconsistent with a State which touts it's scenic wonders and wildlife. Do we want to be the only state in the union to still allow this cruel practice?

Do the right thing and ban trapping.

Cal Jaeger  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jeanne Green [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 10:34:03 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] trapping ban

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Please ban trapping on all public lands. It is dangerous for hikers, children, pets and wildlife. Thanks.  
Jeanne Green

**From:** Cherie Jorgensen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 02:49:11 PM  
**To:** oanna.Prukop@state.nm.us; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Ban

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Another trapping season is looming in New Mexico after last year's saw at least two dogs killed, a handful of others injured, and untold thousands of native wildlife trapped and skinned for their fur. Please consider the following as reasons for banning trapping:

Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.

Trapping is a **drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
Lesley Jorgensen

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**From:** JC Corcoran [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 06:29:01 AM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping on Public Land

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Dear Commissioners,

Please ban trapping on all of New Mexico's public lands. Leg hold traps and others are indiscriminate killers and are barbaric. Do what the vast majority of New Mexicans want and get them off public lands.

Thank you! JC

*Everyone has the power to choose compassion! Please visit these websites to align your core values with life affirming choices: <http://veganvideo.org> & <http://tryveg.com>*

***"Any great change must expect opposition because it shakes the very foundation of privilege."***

~ Lucretia Coffin Mott, 1793-1880, minister, women's rights leader, abolitionist, peace activist, humanitarian ~

**From:** Bo Bergstrom [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 03:38:41 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping on public lands

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Hello.

As a NM resident and frequent hiker in the Gila National Forest, I request that the Commission respect the will of the vast majority of NM citizens and ban trapping. My reasons include:

- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
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- Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
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Sincerely, Bo Bergstrom, [REDACTED]

**From:** Nancy Stockdale [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 08:02:47 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping on Public Lands

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**Please ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands.**

Thank you,  
Nancy Stockdale

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**From:** RICHARD KHANLIAN [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 03:05:14 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping on public lands

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Dear Commissioners:

At this point in history, is there really any sound justification for continuing to permit the cruel practice of leg-hold trapping on public lands, considering the toll in suffering for both domestic and wild animals?

- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
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Does anyone really need to inflict this suffering? As a New Mexico resident for more than 50 years, I ask that you please ban trapping outright on all public lands.

Sincerely,

Richard Khanlian  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ron Faich [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 11:54:45 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping

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I am unalterably opposed to trapping on NM public lands. Please change the rules accordingly. Thank you.

Ron Faich

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Sent from my iPad

**From:** Michael New [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 09:02:05 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping

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**As a long term NM resident, (I began school in Hagerman,) and a mountain man, I feel a need to address the issue you are facing on trapping. While the indiscriminate killing of our increasingly endangered wildlife still appeals to a few of our citizens, those citizens and their morality are doomed by history as they recklessly try to extinguish the last wildness in New Mexico. Time has passed. The overwhelming dominance of humans over the remaining mammals means that you guardians must now step up to preserve wild viability or condemn it, and us to a world without the wild. Please end this cruelty of trapping and try to usher us into a world of cohabitation with those God put here to share the planet.**

**From:** sundry99 [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/19/2019 02:07:52 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping

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Dear Folks,

As I hope you know, nearly 70% of New Mexicans oppose trading entirely. My husband and I are among these people. The so called minor changes arent going to fly. 70% of New Mexicans want and deserve to have our Game Commissioners ban traps from ALL of New Mexico's public lands.

Its time to do what 70% of New Mexicans want and BAN TRAPS FROM ALL OF NEW MEXICO'S PUBLIC LANDS.

Thank you,

Alice and Larry Rodgers  
[REDACTED]



**From:** tasha [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/18/2019 08:14:32 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Urgent - ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands

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Dear Representatives,

Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife.

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I urge you to join forces to ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Tasha Curtis

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**Tasha Curtis**

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**From:** Katie Semones [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/17/2019 03:24:30 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Wilderness Heals -Traps Kill

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Our public lands in New Mexico are for the public to be shared in safety. Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.

The Santa Fe New Mexican recently published an article on the health benefits of being in nature to people suffering from addiction. How can people feel comfortable about walking in nature if there is the threat of traps on our public lands? By allowing traps on our public lands we go against the very thing that nature intended: To be available to people to explore not to allow a few to profit at Her expense.

Finally, trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation. By allowing trapping on public lands and in the state of New Mexico we are accepting a giant blemish! The world is waking up to acceptance of all humanity and kindness to animals whether they are farmed, wild or domestic. Trapping is archaic and outdated. It has no place in our future.

Please vote and work towards banning all trapping in the state of New Mexico. It is the only sensible solution.

Fondly,  
Katie Semones  
Farmer, equestrian and teacher.  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kathy Jackson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 09/16/2019 04:42:52 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Wildlife Traps

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Please ban all traps on public lands. They are cruel & dangerous for people and their children & pets.

Kathy Jackson  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:52:47 AM  
**To:** Cramer, Gail, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; DGF-Bear-Cougar-Rules  
**Subject:** Fw: B&C RULES—Letter—Carson Forest Watch - Oct 10, 2019  
**Attachments:** B&C RULES—Letter—Carson Forest Watch - Oct 10 2019 - 3-28 PM.pdf

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Hi, in case this letter didn't come through to you, here it is again...jp

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From: Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2019 9:50 AM  
To: Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
Subject: B&C RULES Letter Carson Forest Watch - Oct 10, 2019

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**From:** debrah slama [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:01:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
debrah slama

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lisa Kunsch [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:24:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Kunsch

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jane Montonen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:21:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an individual fighting animal cruelty and unnecessary suffering, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jane Montonen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** robert basler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:11:41 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
robert basler

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Desba Silvers [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:24:35 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Desba Silvers

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** michelle taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:24:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
michelle taylor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lisa Mazzola [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:17:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a lifelong animal welfare and protection advocate and activist, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land--or anywhere.

I call for immediately changes to stop this SAVAGE CRUELTY. NONE of the proposed changes are sufficient.

Torture and savagery inflicted upon ANY nonhuman life for ANY reason by ignorant, ecologically useless human parasites is beyond unacceptable!

Sincerely,  
Lisa Mazzola

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Linda Anderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:22:44 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a former New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. This is a cruel way to obtain animals. We are slowly becoming a "fur free" society. Let New Mexico lead the way. Fur belongs only on the animals that wear it. Thank you

Sincerely,  
Linda Anderson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Robert Furem [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:17:12 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Sincerely,  
Robert Furem

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Shaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:08:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Susan Shaw

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Stephanie Pasanen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:24:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Please stop trapping and keep our communities safe.

Stephanie Pasanen

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Pasanen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Genny Genevich [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:10:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CRUEL TO SUCH INNOCENT ANIMALS?

Sincerely,  
Genny Genevich

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Timea Vida [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:23:09 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Timea Vida

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Martie Enfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:22:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Martie Enfield

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** zoe viles [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:10:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
zoe viles

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jane Carson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:15:01 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please ban these from all public land. The majority of landowners (citizens) agree that they do not have a place in today's world.

Sincerely,  
Jane Carson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kristen Balzer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:07:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I have been an avid hiker for 13 years because of my two dogs.

The stress of hiking, which usually takes away stress, is because of New Mexico's archaic and cruel leg hold traps. As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Your weak language does nothing to prevent animals (including mine) from being trapped in such a grotesque manner.

Kristen Balzer  
Albuquerque NM

Sincerely,  
Kristen Balzer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mary Shabbott [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:09:26 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel: Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma.

It is sadistic and should have already been banned.

Sincerely,

Mary Shabbott

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Aristana Firethorne [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:59:59 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Aristana Firethorne

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Barbara Seychelle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:57:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Seychelle

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Nicolas Duon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:03:29 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Nicolas Duon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Judith Hetem [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:58:15 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. As a civilized nation we have no need for inflicting such cruelty on animals for sport or profit. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Judith Hetem

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Camelia Mitu [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:56:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Camelia Mitu

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cynthia Harrington [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:24:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Why does anyone need to be told this is a BARBARIC practice? I urge you to watch a video of an innocent animal being trapped in one of these torture devices and see if you're not moved? This has to end! Now!

As a New Mexican (human being), I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. If you have a soul you'll outlaw this

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Harrington

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Nicolas Duon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:00:10 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Nicolas Duon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Leslie Pfof [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:04:44 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Pfof

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Nicolas Duon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:59:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Nicolas Duon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Lisa Page [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:52:02 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Page

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Tiffany Nicol [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:47:15 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Nicol

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sandy Fishel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:52:27 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Fishel

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sandy Fishel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:54:04 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Fishel

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mikal Deese [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:54:58 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. The Earth does not belong exclusively to humans. With every action we take that assumes that it does, we hasten our own extinction. Just say "NO" to this barbaric harvesting of wild creatures. Time to evolve, gentlemen.

Sincerely,  
Mikal Deese

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Stacey Cooley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:41:41 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps and snares are extremely cruel. I cannot imagine how an individual could possibly set a trap for an animal, knowing that if it doesn't kill the animal- they will be attempting to survive without a limb. If New Mexican are making their living off of this cruel practice, then it is high time for the State of New Mexico to engage themselves in workforce development and find alternate ways for them to make a living.

End Speciesism!

Thank you for your deep consideration in this disturbing matter.

Stacey Cooley  
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
Stacey Cooley  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Audrey Petzold [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:49:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Not only do wild animals caught in traps suffer a cruel, inhumane, extended period of suffering for the desire of a small minority of trappers to make a profit out of this suffering but companion animals are also at risk of being caught in traps, seriously injured and possibly killed. Would you want your pet, your child, yourself to suffer this way? Please make trapping and the use of poisons to kill animals illegal everywhere in the state. Let's make New Mexico a leading state in something positive, i.e. compassion for all creatures, instead of the lead state in most things negative!

Sincerely,  
Audrey Petzold

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gina Giaccardo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:45:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an enrolled member of San Felipe Pueblo, I'm writing to express my opposition to traps and snares anywhere in New Mexico. Trapping is a grotesque and exploitative practice, and must be completely banned ASAP.

We should be protecting our precious Indigenous animals. Trapping animals subjects them to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. They are critically important sustainers of New Mexico ecosystems, and should always be respected as such.

Trappers are no better than animal killing contest participants. They treat New Mexico's animals as if they exist solely to satisfy their profits and bloodlust, and should be stopped from further destroying wildlife populations.

Please consider strong, decisive changes to trapping and "furbearer" laws. It's important for New Mexico to look toward the future, and take the lead on how our country protects wildlife and the environment.

Sincerely,  
Gina Giaccardo

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** LAURA ARIAS [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:47:46 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
LAURA ARIAS

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** KEN Bugler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:52:35 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

While hiking in the Sange de Cristos I have seen unattended traps with dead wildlife rotting. Traps are left baited and unsupervised. This has allowed for undesired killings of various animals including pets.

Sincerely,  
KEN Bugler

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jennifer La Torre [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:54:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer La Torre

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Shannon Patrick [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:51:47 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. These are cruel, unnecessary, and dangerous. Please do the right thing and be part of the solution instead of perpetuating the mistakes of the past. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Shannon Patrick

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dominic Libby [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:51:52 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dominic Libby

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mark Bastian [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:46:46 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Mark Bastian

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Patsy Parentice [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:37:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Patsy Parentice

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Barbara Basler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:36:26 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

These traps are approved of and benefit only a tiny minority. How about protecting the rest of us, our pets and New Mexico's wildlife?

The scales need to be weighted on the side of the public! And we do not want these cruel, dangerous traps!

Sincerely,

Barbara Basler

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** william burgess [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:43:20 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Only a small minority supports trapping. It is cruel and unnecessary.

Sincerely,  
william burgess

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joyce Carter [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:35:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Carter

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Lockwood [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:42:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Susan Lockwood

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Walburga Lentner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:42:06 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps are cruel and sadistic and have no place on our public lands.

Sincerely,  
Walburga Lentner

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cory Sites [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:35:54 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. No animal should have to suffer from this cruel entrapment and death. Please pass a law to ban animal traps in New Mexico!

Sincerely,  
Cory Sites

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sudeshna Ghosh [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:29:10 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Sudeshna Ghosh

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Julia Thielert [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:37:12 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Julia Thielert

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ronald Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:46:01 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a human being, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. In my opinion, only true cretins trap or ensnare animals. It is a cruel and inhumane activity.

Sincerely,  
Ronald Johnson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Judith W. Curtis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Judith W. Curtis

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** G. Simmons [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:29:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. This practice far exceeds cruel and should be all together illegal its just like scapling a human.

Sincerely,  
G. Simmons

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Victoria Linehan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:25:59 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Linehan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Alec Taratula [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:29:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Alec Taratula

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dorothy DeLaine [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:32:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Please support laws that ban ALL private and commercial trapping on public lands NOW!

Sincerely,  
Dorothy DeLaine

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jennifer Romans [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:34:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Romans

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Julie Senack [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Julie Senack

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cynthia Hull [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Even when traps and snares catch their target animals, they are inhumane and cause suffering. Many times other animals, endangered species or pets, are caught in traps or snares. Too many traps and snares are used illegally. They just need to go completely.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Hull

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Jane Sanders [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:30:28 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Please take action on this subject. We have a duty to not subject any creature to unnecessary suffering, unnecessary pain, and unnecessary fear. It is shameful that we have been this complacent and we can do so much better. The animals are counting on you to make a difference. Please.

Sincerely,  
Jane Sanders

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** dawn kenyon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:29:25 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
dawn kenyon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** William Swinney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:29:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
William Swinney

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Greg von Buchau [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:30 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I visit NM yearly. I spend most of my time in the back country with my wife and dog. I worry about my dog finding a trap. Traps are cruel senseless. And against the laws of nature. Stop the use of traps and cyanide bombs NOW.

Sincerely,  
Greg von Buchau

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Janice Convery [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

None of the proposed changes would fundamentally change why most of us New Mexicans oppose traps and snares: They are cruel, indiscriminate, dangerous to the public, and exploitative of public natural resources.

The best way to deal with these issues is a ban on all private and commercial trapping on public lands. This is what polls show New Mexicans want! But Game & Fish's proposals don't even come anywhere close to that.

Please, do the right thing, and ban trapping on all public and private lands.

I thank you.

Sincerely,  
Janice Convery

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Barbara Googe [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:26 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Googe

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Geri Sanders [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:33 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Geri Sanders

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mikki Aronoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:01 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Mikki Aronoff

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Barbara Chaney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:34:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. These indiscriminate, barbaric relics of our past have no place in our state! They serve only a tony, tiny fraction of this state's populace while endangering unsuspecting citizens, pets and wildlife. PLEASE, let's evolve and ban this incredibly reckless activity!

Sincerely,  
Barbara Chaney

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Phyllis Sanchez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It's Cruel. Inhumane. Make it stop!!

Sincerely,  
Phyllis Sanchez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Charlene Mcdermott [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:47 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Mcdermott

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jacqueline Pereira [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. This is a cruel and barbaric practice Please do not allow this to continue.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Pereira

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Deb Romero [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:30:32 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Deb Romero

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Shanley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I'm a Coloradan but I support protecting wildlife and our environment from cruel and thoughtless ways of managing public land., I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Karen Shanley

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** SUSAN DENIKE [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
SUSAN DENIKE

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cynthia Lowry [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:52 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Lowry

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Tim Duda [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:30:25 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Public land must be kept safe for people and animals. Traps and snares are cruel and inhumane and their use must be strictly regulated. Altering the plant/animal balance negatively impacts the eco-system. Individuals should not be allowed to trap on land supported and maintained through public coffers. The very minimal licensing fee is certainly no justification for upsetting the natural balance on public lands. Animal suffering for the profit of a few is an outrage that is why we need much stronger regulatory control and the complete discontinuation of trapping on public property.

Sincerely,  
Tim Duda

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carolyn Kelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:30:07 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Kelly

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lisa Hackard [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:29:29 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. Many other species are at risk, including domestic animals as well.

Please protect our wildlife and others from these cruel traps.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Hackard

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mary Ellen Frye [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:26:47 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a concerned citizen I am writing you to express my vehement opposition to the use of traps and snares on public land. It is outrageous and it is cruel. Traps and snares present a risk to humans, pets and other unintended victims, as well as being heinously evil. No animal should be subjected to the use of these barbaric traps and snares. They should be banned from use.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ellen Frye

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Laura West [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:38 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a human being, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Laura West

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dorothy Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:32:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please make more than mild changes, and make these regulations count. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Brown

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** BARBARA SWYDEN [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:24 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
BARBARA SWYDEN

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jessica Mraz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:35:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Trapping wildlife is cruel, inhumane and dangerous for dogs. Too many dogs have died because of traps. We can be better and stop this barbaric practice.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Mraz

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Shannon Flynn [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:09 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Flynn

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** katherine sanchez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:24 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I live next to public land and find it concerning that our domestic animals could fall into one of these traps or that our grand daughters could be injured. They are dangerous to the public and cruel to the wild animals.

Sincerely,  
katherine sanchez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jana Hess [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:29:44 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Imagine if you were hiking and got your hand or foot caught in a trap. It is inhumane and needs to stop.

Sincerely,  
Jana Hess

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** James De Lara [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
James De Lara

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Barbara Rockwell [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:31:52 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Trapping is a cruel and barbaric practice that has no place in our world.

The vast majority of New Mexicans are opposed to trapping. Our wildlife belongs to all of us - and none of us. It's wrong that a tiny number of people can kill and profit from OUR wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Rockwell

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anne Henry [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:34:20 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Anne Henry

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Beau Borrero [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:23:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, avid outdoorsman, hunter, and fisherman, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. These are instruments of cruelty and are used by people who do not respect the outdoors, wilderness, or our wild animals. Please, as stewards of our wild animals, please ban these traps from our public lands. If people want to kill these animals, they should have to hunt them at least and kill them quickly and less painfully. Thanks for your work to protect our fellow earthlings,

Beau Borrero

Sincerely,  
Beau Borrero

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Nicholas Finley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:27 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is a cruel, outdated, and disgusting. Its appalling that anyone in the NMDFG would knowingly allow this to legally continue to occur in the state of New Mexico or anywhere for that matter. Please take appropriate action to outlaw all forms of trapping.

Thank you,  
Nick Finley

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Finley

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Sabina Vitello [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:06 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Sabina Vitello

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Denise Lytle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a someone who does not live in New Mexico, but cares deeply about wildlife and animal welfare, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are extremely cruel and can often trap unintended animals, like pet dogs...even humans! There is no good reason to allow such cruelty to continue.

Sincerely,  
Denise Lytle

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Diane Eger [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:27:22 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Tourists come to New Mexico to photograph our wildlife. More tourist dollars are spend for this than trapping. It makes sense to be known as a state that protects its wildlife heritage. The cruelty and endangerment to children and pets must stop!

Sincerely,  
Diane Eger

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Lefler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an American, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Public lands belong to all of us. Trapping is cruel and has no place in today's world.

Sincerely,  
Susan Lefler

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Terrie Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:28:46 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Terrie Williams

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** JC Corcoran [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:47 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. The vast majority of NM citizens oppose the use of these killing machines on public property.

Traps are cruel, indiscriminate, a public safety hazard and a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit.

Sincerely,  
JC Corcoran

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** karen bayour [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:30:22 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
karen bayour

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Katy Stuckel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:25:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Katy Stuckel

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Kimberly Foster [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:22:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my outrage of traps and snares on public land.

These are PUBLIC lands, for all, including our precious and necessary wildlife. The danger and horrific suffering these medieval devices cause is inexcusable on every level. We are not only talking wildlife being in peril, but humans and pets. (And be assured, I place none over another). We are talking about sentient beings, except maybe those who see fit for inflicting great suffering. We should, and CAN, be better than this as a society. Stop this barbarism now.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Foster

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jeffrey Hanus [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:00:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Commissioners,

As the Board President and CEO of the New Mexico Wildlife Center, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel. Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. This bobcat found near La Jencia represents such suffering. It is not uncommon for leghold traps to be found with only a paw/foot left in them. The survival of these trap victims is questionable.

Traps are indiscriminate. Traps frequently maim and kill non-target animals and there are many such instances across the state. Traps can catch animals as small as chipmunks. In New Mexico, non-target animals that have been killed or maimed by leghold traps include black bears, Mexican gray wolves (over 40 incidents), owls, and mountain lions. One caller to Animal Protection of New Mexico's Cruelty Hotline reported finding and releasing an injured raven caught in a trap. Many other species are at risk, including domestic animals...

Traps are a public safety hazard. Along with non-target wildlife, leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs or cats in nearly every county in New Mexico. Last year at least two dogs (Roxy and Ranger) were killed by traps in the state and a handful more were injured (Kekoa was among multiple dogs that lost a leg). Data from reported incidents on public lands show that traps threaten all New Mexicans and their companion animals, not just those who recreate near populated areas of the state.

Trapping is a drain on native populations for private profit. For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations. There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans.

Thank you for reading my comments. Please consider banning trapping altogether, for the above valid reasons.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hanus,  
Board President and CEO,  
New Mexico Wildlife Center

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Hanus

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Angela Buckley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:25:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Angela Buckley

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Bo Bergstrom [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:12:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Bo Bergstrom

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kathy Jackson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:14:28 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I'm not opposed to hunting as long as it's done without unnecessary trauma to the animal. Think about if you were in that situation.....would you like to experience a slow & painful death? Think about it.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Jackson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dr. Eugene Stone-Romero [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:11:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to the use of any and all traps and snares on public land.

Thanks for your support of defenseless creatures.

Dr. Eugene F. Stone-Romero  
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
Dr. Eugene Stone-Romero  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marianne Futterschneider [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:09:47 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Marianne Futterschneider

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** J. David Scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:07:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,

J. David Scott

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Brianna Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 01:03:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I know, and science proves, animals feel fear and pain. No human has the right to abuse, exploit or cause them to suffer and/or die simply because a person has the capacity to do so. Animal torture is Wrong. The fact that it is done does not make it right and traps and snares should be relegated to a bygone era.

My greatest hope is that the people of the State Game Commission and the Department of Game and Fish understand that animals have significant lives that should be protected from, not subjected to, the torture of traps and snares.

Sincerely,  
Brianna Lewis

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Donald Helfrich [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:58:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I teach Geography at CNM and have decided to let my students know that this is legal in New Mexico, though not in the surrounding states. We already share the bottom of the barrel with Mississippi. Why scrape some few dollars from out-of-state trappers when there is an Extinction crisis and a climate crisis at hand. It is very bad press for New Mexico and I'm shouting it loud and clear!

I was at the meeting last month in Santa Fe.

Sincerely,  
Donald Helfrich

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dawn Wriedt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:52:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Wriedt

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jennifer Peters [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:38:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Peters

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Deborah Mackie [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:53:17 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Snares on public lands is barbaric, cruel, heartless, unnecessary. Stop this action.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Mackie

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Roxana Moya [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:48:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,

Roxana Moya

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cynthia Simpson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:45:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Simpson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Milstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:33:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Karen Milstein

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Patricia Shackelford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:29:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.  
Please stop use the TRAP and leave them ALONE !!

Sincerely,  
Patricia Shackelford

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jane Collins [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:29:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Ban all trapping, snares and use of poisons. Prosecute trappers for wildlife cruelty.

Sincerely,  
Jane Collins

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kaatje Adams [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:35:41 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Kaatje Adams

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Julie Tumblety [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:28:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I was a wing in heaven blue  
I soared over the ocean and  
Soared in the rain  
And I was free  
I needed nobody  
It was beautiful  
It was beautiful

I was a pawn  
Couldn't make a move  
Couldn't go nowhere  
Nowhere to go  
Yet I was free  
I needed nobody  
It was beautiful  
It was beautiful

And if there's one thing  
Could do for you  
You'd be a wing  
In heaven blue

I was a vision  
In another eye  
And I saw nothing  
No future at all  
Yet I was free  
I needed nobody  
It was beautiful  
It was beautiful

And if there's one thing  
Could do for you  
You'd be a wing  
In heaven blue

"Wing" by Patti Smith

Sincerely,  
Julie Tumblety

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cynthia Edney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:20:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Edney

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Julie Huynh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:18:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Julie Huynh

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sarah Baird [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:13:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Baird

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Nikhil Kulkarni MD [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:24:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

This is incredibly cruel and harmful to all wildlife.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Nikhil Kulkarni MD

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Edenfield, Kari  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:10:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I formally request as your constituent and a native New Mexican that we do the right thing as a state and ban and eliminate traps and snares completely and entirely from all public lands. I'm sure you're already familiar with all of the reasons and justifications behind my request and that I am far from alone in wanting this for our state, so I'll keep this brief and respect your time. Thank you for your consideration and positive action and for taking my request to heart.

Sincerely,

Kari Edenfield

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sara Azimi [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:58:21 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I'm horrified that this practice is legal on any land let alone on public lands! These traps are akin to land mines - indiscriminate killing. Its a shame that a state like New Mexico that places such high value on our wilderness and wildlife allows this.

Sincerely,  
Sara Azimi

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** barbara apgar [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 12:06:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a former New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. The traps are inhumane and are indiscriminate in their killing. Animals caught in the traps suffer beyond measure. I urge you to stop this proposed brutal trapping. The majority of people in New Mexico oppose what you are proposing. I grew up in NM and am very disappointed that the Game and Fish Dept has proposed such a barbaric killing.

B Apgar MD

Sincerely,  
barbara apgar

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jennifer Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:51:23 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Miller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** M. Andrew Whiteman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:38:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
M. Andrew Whiteman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Paula Glaser [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:45:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Paula Glaser

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jessamy Rouson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:43:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an American, I am writing you to express my complete opposition to traps and snares on public land. This is a barbaric and brutally cruel practice which should have been outlawed decades before. Stop ALL trapping of animals NOW.

Sincerely,  
Jessamy Rouson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Linda Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:39:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Linda Allen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Erika Wanenmacher [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:38:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Erika Wanenmacher

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dax Riner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:43:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel. Traps are indiscriminate. Traps are a public safety hazard. Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit.

Evolve.

Animals > humans forever.

Sincerely,  
Dax Riner

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lora Lisbon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:31:28 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Why can't Game and Fish listen to the majority of New Mexicans and do as we want? Why is Game and Fish pandering to a minority of people (many of them not even from our state) when it comes to this issue? The days of needing to trap animals are over. This barbaric, old, practice is not necessary for fur or for livelihoods. Meanwhile, those of us with families, those with pets, those that live on the edge of the wilderness (my family and I live in the Mimbres and our property borders the Gila Wilderness), and those that just want to preserve our wildlife, or like animals, are ignored. The new measures proposed do not go anywhere near far enough. We want traps off our land. I've been writing about this since 2005 and always... nothing. I pay tax. My family pay tax. I have young members of my family that visit, I have dogs. We hike, we camp, we ride. What are we supposed to do? What more does it take? We have talked, reasoned, pleaded, voted, and petitioned you, our representatives, and our governor. What does it take to get through to Game and Fish that the majority of New Mexicans want a ban on trapping on private and public lands in our state? We want trappers—especially those from out-of-state—to cease exploiting our wildlife for the pittance our state receives. Please, please, please, ban this cruel, costly, and unnecessary practice immediately. Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,  
Lora Lisbon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Therese O'Gorman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:38:19 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Therese O'Gorman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gudrun Hoerig [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:47:10 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. The use of these barbaric traps and snares are way out of line and should be banned completely. It does not make sense whatsoever and is inhumane and cruel. How would you explain this action to your children and grandchildren??

Thank you for doing the right thing!

Sincerely,  
Gudrun Hoerig

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Theresa Bravo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:44:39 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Bravo

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** TERRILL PIERCE [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:34:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is an unconscionable practice at this point, endangering the lives of unsuspecting citizens and pets that may be near trails on public lands--not to mention the obvious cruelty inherent in the practice. Any arguable benefit from this practice is clearly outweighed by the foregoing. Please, please, stop this practice.

Sincerely,  
TERRILL PIERCE

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Wolf [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:34:30 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Karen Wolf

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** nina zelevansky [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:34:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
nina zelevansky

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anita Newman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:27:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Anita Newman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Vickey Baker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:09:16 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

TRAPS ARE CRUEL AND BARBARIC AND REALLY HAVE NO PLACE IN LIFE TODAY. THEY CAUSE TOO MUCH PAIN AND ALSO OTHER ANIMALS GET IN THEM LIKE PET DOGS, CATS, BIRDS AND OTHER POOR ANIMALS THAT HAPPEN BY. I THINK THEY NEED TO BE OUTLAWED. BAN THEM!!!!!!!

Sincerely,  
Vickey Baker

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anna Brewer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:17:54 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

?None of the proposed changes by the Game & Fish Department would fundamentally change why a very large majority oppose traps and snares:

Traps are very cruel: trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma.

Traps are indiscriminate: Traps frequently maim and kill non-target animals and there are many such instances across the state. Traps can catch animals as small as chipmunks. In New Mexico, non-target animals that have been killed or maimed by leghold traps include black bears, Mexican gray wolves (over 40 incidents), owls, and mountain lions.

Traps are a public safety hazard: Along with non-target wildlife, leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs or cats in nearly every county in New Mexico.

Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit: For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations! There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans!

Please amend your proposed insufficient changes !

Sincerely,  
Anna Brewer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** C. Marie Hlushtchyk [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:21:48 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
C. Marie Hlushtchyk

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jo Ann Sullivan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:24:26 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. These are cruel, unnecessary and encourage violent, lethal behavior. Respect for all life is an inherent part of life sustaining civilization. Public lands should not countenance such behavior.

Sincerely,  
Jo Ann Sullivan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Schmidt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:25:15 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an AMERICAN, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. How dare you put cruel traps on public land where anyone and everyone could get hurt? And this goes for the wild animals that have made this their home. Traps are cruel, indiscriminate and unsafe. They should be banned everywhere, but especially on public lands. I know I am not from New Mexico, but that doesn't mean I won't be visiting.

Sincerely,  
Karen Schmidt

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** George Neste [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:18:01 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
George Neste

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Tami Palacky [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:24:04 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Tami Palacky

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Renee Beltran [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:18:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I grew up on a sheep and cattle ranch and saw trapping done with impunity and completely lacking in ethics, respect for life, or safety for innocent children or domestic pets.

Traps and snares are used in the interest of the elite few and at the expense of the vast majority, often without their knowledge or awareness.

This practice must stop and my voting will reflect my prioritization of this belief!

A very concerned and engaged voter and civic leader!

Sincerely,  
Renee Beltran

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Maggie McEldowney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:13:28 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Maggie McEldowney

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Robert Fischhoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:07:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a life-long New Mexican, I am writing you to express my total opposition to all traps and snares on public land.

We need to completely ban ALL trapping in the state of New Mexico, whether on private or public lands.

They are cruel, unnecessary, dangerous to the public, and completely destructive of our SHARED public natural resources.

Traps belong in an age long past when we were less civilized. There is absolutely no legitimate reason to continue this primitive and barbaric practice. Simply put it is immoral and inhumane and needs to end.

Sincerely,  
Robert Fischhoff

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lisa Neste [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:12:21 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Neste

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Stacy Gilson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:58:28 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a Wisconsinite, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

There is no place in this world that needs to trap, torture and kill living breathing animals for fur. This is absolutely not needed on any level.

ANIMALS ARE NOT FASHION

Sincerely,  
Stacy Gilson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Leigh Alston [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:59:33 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are infinitely CRUEL and barbaric. PLEASE stop allowing these traps to be used. PLEASE!

Sincerely,  
Leigh Alston

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Eva Winogrodski [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 11:05:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Eva Winogrodski

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Arina Caster [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:24:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Trapping snares, just as cyanide bombs, are indiscriminate and barbaric and have no place on OUR public lands. They are unsportsmanlike and cruel. Please take a stand and ban all snares and traps.

Sincerely,  
Arina Caster

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** dagmar grabsch [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:58:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
dagmar grabsch

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rose Saunders [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:52:16 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Rose Saunders

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Deborah Stark [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:49:02 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Such cruel practices should be a thing of the past! They have no place in an intelligent and thoughtful civilization .

Sincerely,  
Deborah Stark

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Heather Cross [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:43:22 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Heather Cross

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jan McCreary [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:45:29 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Trapping is cruel and barbaric and totally outdated. New Mexico should join states like California and Colorado that have outlawed trapping. It is time that we end this cruel practice that destroys our wildlife and degrades our ecosystems.

END trapping on New Mexico public lands!!

Sincerely,  
Jan McCreary

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** alix novack [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:39:38 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
alix novack

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carrie Wright [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:42:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is cruel to trap any animal this way, sometimes left to suffer and die. People can step into it, people's pets. The list goes on.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Wright

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Marcie Perskin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:38:20 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Marcie Perskin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Pablo Bobe <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:37:49 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Pablo Bobe

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Clara SoRelle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:44:17 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Clara SoRelle

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marina Sagardua [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:24:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Marina Sagardua

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rebecca Vitale Mandich [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:39:47 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Trapping is a cruel and unnecessary taking of wildlife. The animals are exposed to prolonged pain starvation and sometimes self amputation. I find this violence against the wild unconscionable in a day and age when we don't need fur for anything. We have warm clothing without hurting maiming and killing animals.

The wild are our ecosystem engineers and we cannot afford to deplete their populations anymore. Please show dignity and respect for those that can't raise their voices against the cruelty. I am raising mine to stop this archaic system of cruelty in our beautiful state of New Mexico

Thank you  
Rebecca Vitale Mandich

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Vitale Mandich

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** RR Mier [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:40:06 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a Future New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. There are so many instances of the wrong animals and people getting caught and injured with traps forgotten about or just left , at a time traps served a purpose but with so many people using public lands for the thrill of just seeing nature and the way it used to be before complete ecosystems were changed to benefit man and his quest for riches but today's public have different values but the laws on public lands haven't kept pace

Sincerely,  
RR Mier

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** kathy vigil [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:39:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
kathy vigil

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Norma Tarango [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:39:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Cruelty to animals, whether in the wild or domestically, should never be tolerated. Respect for all life is imperative, and our laws MUST reflect that.

Sincerely,  
Norma Tarango

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Marilyn Erickson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:44:35 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As Someone who spends half the year in NM I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. New Mexico's beauty & wildlife is diminished by the horror of this practice. I don't understand how anyone could be in favor of allowing it to continue.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Erickson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Diana Corbishley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:42:09 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Diana Corbishley

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Barbara Lestorti [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:35:41 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Lestorti

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kellen Dunn [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:32:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Kellen Dunn

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Laurie Tabor [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:28:12 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an American, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. End this cruel practice now!

Sincerely,  
Laurie Tabor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Becky Turnbull [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:30:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Becky Turnbull

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Riva Seligmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 02:24:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. All animals are sentient beings and a part of our natural ecosystem that is desperate for continuity. We are all here to share as one, love and respect and honor all natural full long life processes. We truly do not have any right to mandate or authorize the trapping, suffering, or killing of any breathing creature. Please close your eyes and imagine the unnecessary pain and suffering you would feel if ensnared. We need to focus on compassion above all else. The beauty of our host planet, her inhabitants and resources that were from the beginning meant to naturally evolve are sacred, life giving and nurturing. Please do not manipulate this for individual or corporate "interest" by allowing any sort of human greed that puts profit before humane well being. I implore you. And for regulating in a way that protects all that is pure and natural and truly good, I thank you.

Sincerely,  
Riva Seligmann

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gloria Carol [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:32:56 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please ban this cruel practice. It kills non-target animals and depopulates wild animal populations just so private individuals can make a profit. They are dangerous to the other people and animals who use public lands.

Sincerely,  
Gloria Carol

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Nancy Arenas [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:19:14 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Arenas

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Laura Ramirez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:29:09 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Please STOP using snares! It is cruel, inhumane, and absolutely NOT the answer!

As an evolved species, we should know that torture and cruelty is not what humans do to other humans or animals.

Please don't turn a blind eye to snares and eliminate the snares once and for all! And prosecute those who still use them.

Sincerely,  
Laura Ramirez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kellen Dunn [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:33:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Kellen Dunn

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Ray [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:18:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Susan Ray

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Christine Bergman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:03:34 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Christine Bergman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Judy Teich [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:27:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I use this public land and so do my out of town visitors and I want to be free to use this land without worrying about traps and snares.

It is cruel and we are behind the times in continuing this practice.

Judy Teich

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
Judy Teich

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** BRICE MADHO [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:04 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
BRICE MADHO

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Janet Cameron [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Janet Cameron

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Dana Radell [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:03:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a visitor to New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dana Radell

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Amber Fuentes [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:27:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Are not cool.

Sincerely,  
Amber Fuentes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lauren McGavran [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 07:40:34 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I urge you to take a stronger stance against trapping and ban traps from all New Mexico State land. Far more people use the land recreationally than gain any benefit from trapping on it. Traps are cruel and inhumane; animals suffer pain and terror every bit as much as people do. Traps are indiscriminate and they are responsible for the horrible deaths of many non-target animals. Traps also catch and even kill beloved pets. The proposed restrictions hardly give any protection at all to non-target animals or pets.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laurie

**From:** Todd M [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 05:09:58 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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To whom it may concern:

Traps should be banned from all public lands in New Mexico. They are indiscriminate, cruel, and diminish the wonderful wildlife in our state. Trapping is not an important livelihood or way of life anymore. And in fact, right now, most pelts end up in Eastern Europe or Asia.

Please end trapping on public lands.

Regards,

Todd Monson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Inge Bjorkman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/01/2019 03:15:39 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Inge Bjorkman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Charlotte Cooke [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 10:33:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Cooke

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Kenneth Hargis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 03:56:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hargis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Ver?nica B. [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 03:59:48 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ver?nica B.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Rose Alpuche [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 07:02:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I feel this is a highly unethical practice. Do we really want to live in a society that is okay with having no limits on these traps? How can the public feel safe traversing public lands? What happens if your child or grandchild or family pet is caught in one of these traps? Is the state going to be held account for any injuries?

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rose Alpuche

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Virgene Link-New [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 08:13:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is cruel and indiscriminate. This throw back to bygone years must end. Thank you.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Virgene Link-New

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Judith Anastasio [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 01:32:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Stop the trapping Please. It is barbaric.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Judith Anastasio

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Seva Joseph [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 07:30:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I have worked for the State of New Mexico for 23 years spending a great deal of time outdoors and in rural communities. I have rarely encountered fur bearers or any damage caused by them. I have seen a bobcat caught in a trap on BLM land. It was heartbreaking to see and deeply disturbing when I reported it and found out it was legal and nothing would be done to end such inhuman treatment . I greatly value our public lands and feel they should be managed to promote intact ecosystems and not allow trapping. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Seva Joseph

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Seva Joseph

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Sherri Jordan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 02:35:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I strongly urge you to move forward on the side of compassion and stop the barbaric act that is trapping. It is not only barbaric, cruel and out-dated, it is dangerous for all who seek out recreation in New Mexico.

If we as a state are truly going to develop outdoor recreation opportunities in New Mexico, we must show that this is safe place that cares about all of our natural species, and wants it to be safe for hikers, companion animals, children.

Again, I urge you to stop the cruel practice of trapping.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sherri Jordan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Denise Saccone [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 01:58:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Denise Saccone

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Raleigh Koritz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 04:19:20 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Raleigh Koritz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Sarah Dampf [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 12:56:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sarah Dampf

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** sara sexton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 01:46:53 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

sara sexton

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Resa Sawyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 09:15:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Resa Sawyer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** C. Townsend [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/01/2019 08:46:34 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping on public lands.

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I, my family, and our friends, all enjoy using public lands for hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities. We enjoy taking our dogs along with us when we go. We don't want to worry about our pets being injured by traps when enjoying these places. Traps don't belong on public lands!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

C. Townsend

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Elizabeth Watts [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:50:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Watts

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anita Walsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:44:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. The thought of going out for a walk on public lands is filled with trepidation. This used to be a beautiful and safe pastime, and healthy too. I am sure many people are keeping away from the state's beautiful places because of the danger that traps and snares present. People, kids, pets, endangered species and even livestock are threatened. Of all the ways to kill or harm an animal, this is the most cruel, and as I said, the poor targeted animals are not't the only victims of this indiscriminate practice. Please make them illegal.  
Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Anita Walsh

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Charmeine Wait [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:32:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Charmeine Wait

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Brian Christian [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:21:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. These should be outlawed.

Sincerely,  
Brian Christian

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Halli Bourne [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:21:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Halli Bourne

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Deborah Risberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:21:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Trapping should not be allowed anywhere. They are cruel: animals endure prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, predation, emotional trauma, and more, and they can trap any critter that happens upon a trap.

They are also a public safety hazard to people and their dogs.

And it is so inexpensive to be a trapper, no bag limits, and yet trappers make money off of OUR wildlife.

None of this is right! New Mexico could make a bold statement by outlawing this cruel, indiscriminate practice that other states could follow. Let's step up and do what is right for animals.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Risberg

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Maren Northway [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:59:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Animals were here on this planet long before humans and it belongs to the animals. I urge you to give what's rightfully theirs back to them.

Sincerely,  
Maren Northway

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Todd Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:37:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Todd Johnson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dorothy Magda [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:21:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

My "back yard" is BLM land and I have coyotes, rabbits (cottontails and jacks), quail, roadrunners, all manner of wonderful fur and feather folk, that share their lives with me. You want to trap and get rid of something, how about the feral cats that the animal place keeps putting right back in my yard after I humanely get them. They are flea bitten, rheumy eyed wildlife killers that a neighbor feeds and I have no recourse. It's my pleasure to have this place to walk myself and neighborhood children explore here too. What a cat will walk into and the door shuts is NOT what is being put out to hurt, kill, and torture the animals.

Thank you for whatever attention you give this in passing. Dotty Magda

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Magda

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jean Chagnon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:15:28 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jean Chagnon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Pat Wolph [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:17:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is an outrage that NM still lives in the 19th century. NM hardly makes any profit from this horrible practice. And too many pets and animals trappers don't want, are injured or killed. It is time for NM to end this archaic practice.

Sincerely,  
Pat Wolph

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Billie Mitchell [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:12:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is inconceivable, to me, that you would allow the cruel and indiscriminate trapping of our wild animals. We must protect their rights to be treated humanely.

Sincerely,  
Billie Mitchell

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jean Chagnon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:07:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jean Chagnon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Chilton Gregory [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:44:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.  
It's time to wake up to the cruelty of trapping.

The city of Astoria needs to change its name.

Sincerely,  
Chilton Gregory

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Petersen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:38:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are not only cruel but represent a 19th C outdated view of wildlife and their place in our world...

Sincerely,  
Karen Petersen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marie Dickenson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:31:20 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Marie Dickenson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Linda Deno [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:24:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Trapping is dangerous to the public at large, as well as causing expensive veterinary bills and emotional distress to people when their pets are caught in traps if it does not kill the pet outright. As a licensed veterinary technician I have assisted in trap-caused leg amputations. Trapping inflicts unacceptable suffering on wildlife as well. NM Game and Fish keeps acting as if we are living in 1920 instead of 2019. Do you really want our state to be this barbaric so a few trappers can make a little cash? As a New Mexico taxpayer I absolutely do not.

Sincerely,  
Linda Deno

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Natalie Van Leekwijck [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:28:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Van Leekwijck

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Candace & Robert Breen-Lee & Lee [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:21:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As New Mexicans, we are writing you to express our opposition to traps, snares and poisons on public land.

There is absolutely NO reason for these barbaric methods to be used on OUR public lands. They are not only indiscriminate, but cruel and painful.

These "tools" benefit a few at the expense of the many. Not only do we pay for them with our tax dollars, wildlife and pets pay with their lives.

Ranchers need to do more than put their animals out on public lands and leave them to their own devices. If they don't want to experience fatalities, they need to practice better animal husbandry. Burros, certain breeds of dogs and even human presence will help deter depredation. Why don't they stay out with their cows when they're about to calf? Shepherds do that with their sheep.

Please consider banning these barbaric, outdated devices on our public lands.

Sincerely,  
Candace & Robert Breen-Lee & Lee

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dyan Merick [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:14:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public [land.WS](#)

Sincerely,  
Dyan Merick

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Margo Berg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:16:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Margo Berg

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Joe Ward [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:09:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Steel traps are horribly cruel. They have no place in today's world. Please ban them from New Mexico's public lands. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Joe Ward

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol Weiss [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:54:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps and snares are cruel punishment and should be stopped completely.

Sincerely,  
Carol Weiss

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jean Bernstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:53:51 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Trapping benefits no one, not even the ranchers that support it. Innocent domestic animals also suffer from these danger, hidden traps. Let's leave the dark ages and move into enlightenment - ban traps and snares.

Sincerely,  
Jean Bernstein

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Elaine Pinckard [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:21:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Pinckard

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ellen Soles [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:42:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Traps and snares are inhumane methods resulting in cruel forms of animal death and unnecessary suffering. As indiscriminate tools, they also pose a public safety hazard. I oppose their use on New Mexico's public lands except where absolutely required, and only by licensed, qualified professionals--not for-profit trappers. I would deeply appreciate your re-considering and greatly strengthening the proposed changes to trapping regulations to ban them in most cases, helping to align New Mexico with 21st century scientific understanding of animal physiology and neurology, as well as the public welfare. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Soles

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rita Glasscock [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:05:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Rita Glasscock

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marina Sagardua [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:03:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

We are already behind on humane legislation in almost every field. We ask the SGC not to permit to set traps and snares on public land at least. Please consider taking steps according to the XXI century sensibility regarding animal abuse.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Marina Sagardua

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Freya Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:05:28 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Freya Harris

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Myrna Britton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:34:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,

Myrna Britton

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** KATHLEEN HALL [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:45:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN HALL

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jean Chagnon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:33:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jean Chagnon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Margaret Keller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:31:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

The reason California, Colorado, Washington, and Arizona have already restricted or banned trapping on public lands is to enhance safety, promote tourism, and reduce wildlife suffering.

By taking away traps and snares on public land we would greatly reduce “a form of killing that involves days of pain, starvation, even self-amputation, before animals succumb.” If this form of torture occurred in any other context, those responsible would be accused of criminal animal cruelty.

And, exactly what are we gaining with trapping while several other Western States now understand there is no need but rather without trapping their enjoyment and use of public lands has increased and is much safer for humans and animals.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Keller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lenore Reeves [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:19:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Lenore Reeves

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Renee Plouviez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:06:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Not all trappers check their traps daily , I heard stories of legs found chewed off in traps , beating the trapped animal to death , its disgusting.

This is cruel and needs to stop

Sincerely,

Renee Plouviez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ann Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:57:43 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ann Jones

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Pamela Demmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:08:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is cruel, it is indiscriminate, and it is barbaric and dangerous for hikers and their pets. It is a drain on our native wildlife populations. Let New Mexico lead on this issue. Let NM do the right thing!!

Sincerely,  
Pamela Demmer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** ERIK FREDRICKSON [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:08:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
ERIK FREDRICKSON

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol Weiss [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:52:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps and snares are cruel. You should put a stop to the use completely.

Sincerely,  
Carol Weiss

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mindy Newby [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:28:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel: Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. This bobcat found near La Jencia represents such suffering. It is not uncommon for leghold traps to be found with only a paw/foot left in them. The survival of these trap victims is questionable.

Traps are indiscriminate: Traps frequently maim and kill non-target animals and there are many such instances across the state. Traps can catch animals as small as chipmunks. In New Mexico, non-target animals that have been killed or maimed by leghold traps include black bears, Mexican gray wolves (over 40 incidents), owls, and mountain lions. One caller to Animal Protection of New Mexico's Cruelty Hotline reported finding and releasing an injured raven caught in a trap. Many other species are at risk, including domestic animals...

Traps are a public safety hazard: Along with non-target wildlife, leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs or cats in nearly every county in New Mexico. Last year at least two dogs (Roxy and Ranger) were killed by traps in the state and a handful more were injured (Kekoa was among multiple dogs that lost a leg). Data from reported incidents on public lands show that traps threaten all New Mexicans and their companion animals, not just those who recreate near populated areas of the state.

Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit: For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations. There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,

Mindy Newby

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joanne White [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/13/2019 03:43:32 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Joanne White

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Catherine Frizat [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:06:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a citizen, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

While the new rules would take some small positive steps (like clarifying that poisons are banned, closing four minuscule areas of land to traps, and requiring trappers to complete a trapper education course), ultimately the proposals leave the vast majority of public lands in New Mexico open for perilous leg-hold traps, lethal snares, and deadly "Conibear" body-gripping traps.

They also increase the risk to the public and our ecosystem through measures like drastically expanding trapping seasons for raccoons and nutria, allowing them to be killed year-round; and requiring that traps set in water be fully submerged, hidden beneath the surface.

The proposed rules also continue to allow unlimited furbearer animals to be trapped—trappers can still kill and profit off as many furbearer animals as they want, without "bag limits."

This is unacceptable. The majority of New Mexicans and US citizens oppose traps and snares: they are cruel, indiscriminate, they are a public safety hazard, and they are a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit.

I urge you to take the necessary steps to address those concerns by enacting new, sensible regulations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Frizat

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joy Casey [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 03:04:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. This odious practice is brutal and intolerable to a civilized society. I urge you to enforce serious and significant changes to our state's trapping rules to deter profit-seeking private trappers on public lands and keep our communities safe.

Thank you for taking swift action on this matter, Joyce Casey

Sincerely,  
Joy Casey

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lucia Annunziata [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:54:47 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Lucia Annunziata

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Claudia Binfa [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/13/2019 03:24:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Please stop this -10179 ?-8659 ?

Sincerely,  
Claudia Binfa

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Deborah Williamson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:19:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit: For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations. There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Williamson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carmen Martinez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 10:51:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Martinez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dwight Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 10:34:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I know first-hand how easily these traps can ensnare an innocent animal and the damage it can cause. This happened to me in December 2018 while hiking with my family along a recreational road on public land in Placitas. My dog, an intelligent cattle herding breed, was attracted to the carrion in a trap set just 12 feet from the public road we were using. His leg became caught in the trap, injuring him as well as myself when I released him from it. I immediately reported the incident to a Game Warden, who was already in the area to investigate a similar issue that another group had reported. I could not believe that a trap was improperly set so close to areas where people recreate and I worry what would have happened if a child had found the trap first. Public lands need to be safe places for people to recreate along with children and animals, and my experience has made me question whether public lands are safe, so as long as traps, snares, and poison are allowed on them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Dwight Miller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Chris Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 09:59:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Chris Miller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Melissa Fagan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 09:53:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Fagan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Samuel Hena [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 08:48:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a true New Mexican, PLEASE DONT LET THESE LIBERALS TAKE OUR RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND WAY OF LIFE AWAY.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Samuel Hena

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** David G. Laramie [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 08:44:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
David G. Laramie

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mary McIntyre [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 08:10:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. To many non target species are at risk, and there are no kill limits. The wild life is disappearing and what we retain will be a precious resource in terms of tourist dollars.

Tourist development is a more constructive way of making money , and more profitable

Sincerely,  
Mary McIntyre

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Sue Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:02:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Sue Williams

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** susan biggs [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:28:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
susan biggs

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Budd Berkman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:40:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly object to trapping on our public lands.

As a New Mexican who moved here because of the state's wildlife and wild lands, we must preserve this natural resource for all of us to enjoy.

This is our land and the vast majority of us do not want animals trapped on it. Trapping is inherently cruel and indiscriminate.

Thank you,  
Budd Berkman

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Pippa Scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:48:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Commissioner Vesbach,

"Animal Protection, my foot!"

Shame on you! The pain you deliver, the agony, the despair and the suffering is shocking.

I am thoroughly against it. Not only in beautiful New Mexico bu all over the United States.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lee Rich.

Sincerely,  
Pippa Scott

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dawn Mason [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:56:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Mason

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Pippa Scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:43:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an American, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are unbelievably cruel, painful and unsupportable. How can you indulge in such impossibly horrifying decision-making, on our behalf yet! Or at the very least for the citizens of the beautiful state of New Mexico which I have visited many, many times. Well, no longer, you can be sure. Its a totally disgusting rule and one that should be discontinued in every state of the union, not only New Mexico.

Thank you,  
Pippa Scott

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
Pippa Scott

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dylan Shaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:29:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. There is no scientific evidence for any type of trapping and it is incredibly cruel and inhumane. Please do the right thing for animals, New Mexicans and visitors of this state by removing trapping from our beautiful lands. Let's clear up this black eye. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Dylan Shaw

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Paulette Metzler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 04:12:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Paulette Metzler

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Patricia Carlton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 04:11:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land, or anywhere.

This barbaric cruelty has no place in the New Mexico landscape.

Destroying our wildlife and putting our pets and even children at risk of terrible harm for the benefit of a few so-called trappers is unconscionable. Surely they can find a better way to make a living than engaging in medieval torture.

Sincerely,

Patricia Carlton  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** C Scullin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:32:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, TRAPS AND SNARES ON PUBLUC PAND ARE TO BE PROHIBITED!!! This is not a hard decision or one that takes any time to reach. JUST ENACT IT NOW!

Sincerely,  
C Scullin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dani Duran [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:20:41 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dani Duran

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** william crosby [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:04:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
william crosby

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Teri Coker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:09:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Teri Coker

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mike Shields [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:50:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Mike Shields

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anne Desiderio [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:39:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Anne Desiderio

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jeanne Block [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:27:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing to you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are inhumane - animals are left to die in pain or to chew their own feet off. They are indiscriminate - they can trap and kill pets, as well as threatened and endangered species.

Public lands should not be used for "trappers" to earn a living, particularly in such an inhumane and cruel manner.

Please vote NO on ANY traps or snares on public land in New Mexico.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Block

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Cory Sisk [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:12:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Until allowing these barbaric practices are stopped, pets and wildlife will be tragically killed and maimed. In the 21st Century, there is no justification for using such archaic torture to address human/wildlife conflicts. It's time to modernize our approach in these matters, even in such a poor state as NM.

Sincerely,  
Cory Sisk

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rakim Merrill [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 12:20:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Rakim Merrill

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** suzanne oliva [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 12:28:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is a cruel, inhumane, indiscriminate and outdated practice. I have been to the public meetings and have seen first hand that you dont care at all what wildlife experts, conservationists, hunters and 95 percent of the public think at all. It is puzzling to me why you continually vote to keep this practice going in the face of such opposition. What are you profitting from this?

Sincerely,  
suzanne oliva

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ali Van Zee [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:38:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a frequent visitor to New Mexico, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ali Van Zee

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lynne Miles [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:11:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Miles

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Robert M and Carol G Reed [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:11:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Robert M and Carol G Reed

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gudrun Dennis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:05:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an American, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Gudrun Dennis

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Moranda Meyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 10:57:22 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

The cruelty of to both wild and domestic animals is abhorrent. Please do away with this form of torture once and for all.

Sincerely,  
Moranda Meyer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Linda Kastner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 10:48:07 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

We no longer live in the days of the movie "The Revenant". I am so sick of hearing that certain practices need to be continued because of the cultural history. All over the world arcane and outdated practices are being called into question. Like slavery, female genital mutilation, child marriage, cock fighting, etc. It is time for New Mexico to evolve.

Is the CRS money collected from trappers really worth the loss of tourist dollars? The state with it's new position of recreation director and New Mexico True campaign is attempting to lure visitors to our state's public lands. Just wait till they see the horror of a trapped and suffering animal, or their children see it or their dog gets trapped and word gets out about what a backward and cruel state we actually are. Land of Enchantment my foot!

Then of course there is the power of the cattleman's lobby. Even though they may have a lease it is still public land. Are the cattle ranchers so uncreative and stuck in the past that they can't find other more modern ways to protect their herds?

Sure sounds like the Game and Fish Department is so married to these lobbies that they refuse to end trapping rather than listen to the citizens of New Mexico.

Sincerely,  
Linda Kastner

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jane Gowe [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 09:19:34 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jane Gowe

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ivan Fuentes [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 08:37:30 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ivan Fuentes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** John Roig [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:56:06 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are barbaric and indiscriminate and completely indifferent. They represent the worst of the dominant species. Shame.

Sincerely,  
John Roig

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anne Montarou [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:13:27 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Anne Montarou

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Margaret Frederici [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:39:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are extremely cruel and a very outdated form of hunting.

Traps on public lands jeopardize all creatures domestic and wild.

Traps allowed on public lands reflect poorly on the people and states of New Mexico.

Trapping allowed on public lands only benefit a very small majority of the state's population.

Margaret Frederici

Sincerely,  
Margaret Frederici

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** molly mysliwiec [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:30:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
molly mysliwiec

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Terrie Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:25:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel: Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. This bobcat found near La Jencia represents such suffering. It is not uncommon for leghold traps to be found with only a paw/foot left in them. The survival of these trap victims is questionable.

Traps are indiscriminate: Traps frequently maim and kill non-target animals and there are many such instances across the state. Traps can catch animals as small as chipmunks. In New Mexico, non-target animals that have been killed or maimed by leghold traps include black bears, Mexican gray wolves (over 40 incidents), owls, and mountain lions. One caller to Animal Protection of New Mexico's Cruelty Hotline reported finding and releasing an injured raven caught in a trap. Many other species are at risk, including domestic animals...

Traps are a public safety hazard: Along with non-target wildlife, leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs or cats in nearly every county in New Mexico. Last year at least two dogs (Roxy and Ranger) were killed by traps in the state and a handful more were injured (Kekoa was among multiple dogs that lost a leg). Data from reported incidents on public lands show that traps threaten all New Mexicans and their companion animals, not just those who recreate near populated areas of the state.

Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit: For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations. There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,  
Terrie Williams

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Randy Diner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:20:25 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Randy Diner

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Christine Wiltshire [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:18:07 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Humans Who Hold Responsibility for Wildlife

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I know the cons list. You know the cons list. You have a lot of people to please. I will be trying to reach you on a different level.

What is not said enough is this: As humans who hold the top of the food chain, we must practice compassion and use safer, better technologies to feed our ever growing consumption of Mother Nature. Everything needs to be used with a heart of gratitude and a light touch. Humanity needs to open eyes and practice the best, most humane killing of creatures.

As an outdoor enthusiast, I also actually see too few creatures in our forests. We are blessed to have such unreal topography in our state. Let's do our best to nurture, preserve and be grateful.

Warmly,  
Christine Wiltshire

Sincerely,  
Christine Wiltshire  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cheryl Gibson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:09:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing to you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps and snares are categorically barbaric and dangerous. It is time for New Mexico to demonstrate that we respect our wildlife and that we are a civil and humane society.

Trapping and snaring should be banned. Please show respect and compassion for life.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Gibson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** christa romppanen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:07:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
christa romppanen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Menczer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:03:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I live in a rural part of New Mexico and far too often have encountered traps when hiking. Last year, a trap snapped on my dog's leg. Luckily, I was with a friend and we were able to get the trap off-if I had been hiking only with my dog, I can't imagine what would have happened-probably a leg amputation. This trap was just a few feet off trail. Besides my personal experience though, traps indiscriminately take wildlife and are dangerous for pets and children. It's time to stop this barbaric practice; times have changed, our ecosystems are changing, our wildlife is more and more at risk--banning all private and commercial trapping on public lands is one step to conserving New Mexico's wonderful wildlife heritage.

Sincerely,  
Karen Menczer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jenifer Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:49:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jenifer Taylor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** rdsfd dfs [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:43:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
rdsfd dfs  
fsfd

[REDACTED]

**From:** Wellyem Guerra [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:38:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Wellyem Guerra

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Patricia Griffey [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:11:00 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Griffey

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Caroline Sévilla [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:49:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Sévilla

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Nico Font [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:57:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Nico Font

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joyce Alexander [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:32:39 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Alexander

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jan Repp [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:05:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jan Repp

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rod Repp [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:03:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Rod Repp

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gail McIntyre [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:03:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Gail McIntyre

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Paul Troalic [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:48:58 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Paul Troalic

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Mills O'Connor [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:23:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my extreme opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I view this practice as barbaric, inhumane, immoral and vile.

As a hard working tax payer I refuse to pay for this to occur under any circumstances.

Ban trapping outright!

Sincerely,

Mills O'Connor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** James Trever [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:58:06 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
James Trever

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kathleen Ray [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:55:33 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Ray

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ludmila Dmitriev-Odier [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 12:28:41 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ludmila Dmitriev-Odier

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Connie Burris [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:51:17 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Connie Burris

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lori Workizer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:49:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

It is cruel. Animals suffer needlessly because of these traps. It is THEIR home that is being invaded by these horrible traps that should be a thing of the past. New Mexicans demand better for our state. Please be the voice animals need for their own safety and protection.

Sincerely,  
Lori Workizer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Maria Elena Justiz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:49:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Maria Elena Justiz

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gail Larsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:40:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I ask you to take action to eliminate this cruel practice which is also a danger to pets and animals that are not targeted. Please put an end to private trapping on public lands to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,  
gail Larsen

Sincerely,  
Gail Larsen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Chris Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:18:53 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Stop this cruel practice .Please

Sincerely,  
Chris Miller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Katie Robert [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:16:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please make this happen for people, pets, and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Katie Robert

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Tanya Field [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:13:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Tanya Field

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Felicia N Trujillo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

This endangers hikers, children and our pets -- as well as causing wild animals to die in agony.

Sincerely,  
Felicia N Trujillo

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ivan Fuentes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:51:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ivan Fuentes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Julie Martin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:06:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Julie Martin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dirk Kortz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:56:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dirk Kortz

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Crystal Wolf [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:57:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Crystal Wolf

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** cathy elizabeth levin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:54:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
cathy elizabeth levin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marilyn Hoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:53:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please work to forbid this cruel practice.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Hoff

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Steve Melville [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:48:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Steve Melville

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Erica Melville [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:49:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Erica Melville

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joke Melville [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:47:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Joke Melville

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joni Dobran [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:22:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps maim and kill much more than the intended "target." Other wild animals, pets and even people are often maimed or killed. Trapping is cruel and barbaric, it is certainly not a sport, and it is something that should have been outlawed years ago. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,  
Joni Dobran

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:33:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a concerned citizen and animal lover, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Isn't it time we stopped torturing animals for our own amusement!

Sincerely,  
Susan Allen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joyce Courtin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:12:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are cruel and immoral! It is one thing to kill an animal swiftly, and another to subject animals to slow painful death or injury. Not to mention the danger it poses to people and domestic animals. Don't just pass a 'lame' bill, pass something meaningful.

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Haven't we evolved into a more sophisticated, knowledgeable being than we were years or centuries ago? No? I hope the answer is yes!

I VOTE!

Sincerely,

Joyce Courtin

Sincerely,  
Joyce Courtin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** linda satter [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:09:29 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I lost my beloved Siberian Husky to a trap. They are arcane and should be forever banned.

Sincerely,  
linda satter

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Adria Winfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:57:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Adria Winfield

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Yazmin Gonzalez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:54:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Yazmin Gonzalez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Holly Scanlon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/31/2019 06:06:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They're horribly cruel and dangerous and I thought they we're only used 100 to 200 years ago when we still had fur Trappers and other Hunters killing Buffalo and other animals to the brink of Extinction. These things are a disgusting relic of the past, let's get rid of them! They belong in the Dustbin of History, let's put them there!

Sincerely,  
Holly Scanlon

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Alexia Kniska [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:57:18 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I would like for you to adopt a ban on all traps on New Mexico public lands. You have the public support since this is a strong desire of the majority of New Mexicans . Please stop the use of such cruel devices .

You can do this and I am counting on you to make it happen! Alexia Kniska

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Katie Bruell [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:52:56 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Traps are terrifying for families who recreate on our public lands with their pets. The horror, trauma, and long-lasting impacts of having a family pet caught in a trap are devastating. Furthermore, traps are an exceedingly inhumane way to hunt.

Please, ban this cruel practice from our state.

Thank you,

Katie

**From:** Terri Blake [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 09:55:40 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please discontinue your trapping process. It is too dangerous for humans, pets & service animals, & wildlife. ASAP.

Thank you,

Terri Blake, [REDACTED] resident

**From:** Ann Roylance [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:45:05 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please ban all trapping from our public lands!

It is so incredibly cruel and inhuman.

Thank you,

Ann Roylance

[REDACTED]



**From:** Debra Denker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:05:41 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners,

Please ban trapping from all public lands. Trapping is cruel and frankly outdated. We don't live in an extremely cold climate where animal fur is needed for warmth.

All too often, it is people's dogs who get caught in these traps and maimed or killed. Trapping is indiscriminate and can result in the death of members of endangered species rather than the "target" animals.

There is simply no reason to allow trapping in this day and age, particularly at a time when humans worldwide have caused a 58% drop in wildlife population in the past 40 or so years, and biodiversity is threatened by the climate crisis, habitat loss, and other human depredations.

Sincerely,

Debra Denker

How do we reverse climate change through Time Travel? Read my novel Weather Menders to find out!

Author, Weather Menders, a cli-fi time travel novel

Catalyst Artistic Productions

**From:** Dawn Travelstead [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:04:15 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please stop the snares that kill animals cruelly. It breaks my heart to see an animal struggle and die slowly -10179 ?-9068 ?.

Thank you,

Dawn Travelstead

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**From:** Bo Bergstrom [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 03:40:20 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners:

I am a frequent user of the Gila National Forest, and request that you respect the majority will of our citizens and ban traps from all public lands. I cite the following reasons:

Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.

Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Sincerely, Bo Bergstrom  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jan McCreary [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:53:19 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear NM Game Commission,

I am writing you today to request that you ban traps from all public lands in New Mexico. We live in Grant County close to the Gila National Forest and we often see wild animals that are crippled and injured from traps; even ones that have lost legs. It is a heartbreaking sight. We also have friends and neighbors who have had their dogs or cats injured in traps. It is time for New Mexico to join the 21st Century and do away with cruel trapping. Thank You.

Jan McCreary

**From:** D McNeilly [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:04:28 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Donald McNeilly  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol Price [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:32:15 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Hello from carol and George Price

We ask you to stop trapping wild animals in New Mexico. A healthy environment needs ALL animals.

Thanks

Carol and George Price

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Bill Riker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:00:11 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Trapping is cruel and unnecessary in our modern world.

Thanks for listening.

Bill Riker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Peggy Weigle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:57:41 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I am writing to urge you to support banning trapping on all public lands. This barbaric practice is as outdated as cock fighting and dog fighting. It has no place in a civilized society. There is no need for it. It benefits few and causes pain and suffering for wild and domestic animals. Its time for New Mexico to enter the 21st century.

Thank you,

Peggy Weigle  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad



**From:** Leslie Byrnes [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 09:28:23 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please stop the carnage. No one needs to trap for any reason. Trapping is too indiscriminate. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Deborah Williamson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:03:38 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners:

Please ban traps on public lands. Trapping is an archaic practice that is a drain on our precious wildlife. For only twenty dollars, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants, and is not liable for the bycatch. What a deal for those who engage in this practice- no liability while families suffer loses of beloved pets. And this practice denudes our landscapes of native species, key to ecosystems, for private profit. Pelts are sold in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax! I urge you to ban the practice of trapping on public lands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deb Williamson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Martha SHERLIN [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:52:30 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Ms. Prukop,

I strongly urge you to support a ban on animal trapping in New Mexico. It is inhumane and cruel. It is also incredibly dangerous for those of us hike and enjoy our wonderful state with our dogs!

Sincerely,  
Martha Sherlin

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**From:** Mack and Quintana [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:46:02 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Public Lands belong to us all. Traps are dangerous, non-specific tools that place humans, dogs and non-targeted wildlife at risk of horrible pain and death. At best traps are cruel and have no place on public lands. Please ban their use on public lands.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Quintana [REDACTED]



Love Prevails

**From:** WILLIAM FRENCH [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:42:26 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please, please ban these cruel traps!!

Joanna French

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Rebecca Kraimer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:48:04 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Commissioners:

New Mexico is a beautiful state with wildlife that should be treasured and appreciated ALIVE!

- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Please, please, please stop the desecration of our wildlife!

Outlaw trapping immediately!

Rebecca Kraimer  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Alan Suits [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:19:55 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I live in Santa Fe County and I am in complete support of a total ban on leghold traps ( and any other type of trap especially cyanide poison).

sincerely,  
Alan Suits

[REDACTED]

**From:** Suzanne Schneider [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 09:01:04 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Stop trapping on public lands! It is inhumane and causes the painful death of our wildlife and even domestic animals. How can a few trappers outrule an over-whelming majority who oppose it? Any doubt of this, let people vote on the issue.



**From:** Cherylmn@comcast.net [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 08:28:23 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please please please put an end to trapping on all New Mexico Public Lands!

**From:** Frédéric Jaubert [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:13:12 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear members:

The Game Commission is considering minor changes to the trapping rule: they are inadequate. Another trapping season is looming in New Mexico after last year's saw at least two dogs killed, a handful of others injured, and untold thousands of native wildlife trapped and skinned for their fur!

Nearly 70% of New Mexicans oppose trapping entirely. While a public lands trapping ban (like Roxy's Law) is the best way to stop the cruelty and risk to public safety, our commissioners instead are entertaining an inadequate set of changes to the rule, including:

- Closing only 0.5% of New Mexico's public land to most traps.
- Increasing setbacks from trailheads, but not from trails or roads.
- Adopting a year-round season for raccoons and nutria.
- Increasing trap check times for underwater traps.
- Minor changes aren't going to fly.

New Mexicans want and deserve traps OFF of public lands.

Traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps. Trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife. For only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Please ban cruel and indiscriminate traps from all of New Mexico's public lands!

Sincerely:

Frédéric Jaubert  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Melissa Johnson [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 12:54:42 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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**From:** cal jaeger [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 12:43:08 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I have emailed the commission and the governor about this before. I believe that all trapping should be banned as inhumane and a danger to the public. But if that is a bridge too far then banning on all public lands should be done. The amount of money brought in from trappers (if any) is far less than from tourists who generally would agree with most New Mexicans and find trapping is very bad. Do the right thing for all New Mexicans and not special interests.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** Bettina Bickel [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:51:49 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban traps from all public lands in New Mexico for the following reasons:

- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species including Mexican gray wolves and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in **amputation** and, in **two cases**, death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is a **drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Sincerely,  
Bettina Bickel

[REDACTED]

**From:** Judy Whitney [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:18:36 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Traps are barbaric, cruel and totally unnecessary. No animal should have to suffer these terrible consequences for getting near a trap. Please put a halt to this.

Sincerely,  
Judy Whitney

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**From:** Kathleen Poole [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:08:42 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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please make trapping illegal on all public lands public lands is just that public and we should all be safe on public lands though i truly believe that nothing will be done until someone important or their child gets hurt then for those trappers can do whatever and where ever they want kathleen y poole [REDACTED]

**From:** Diana Zelnio [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 01:45:37 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I am repulsed that this barbaric practice is still being allowed in New Mexico (and elsewhere); please get with the times and get rid of this horrific practice!

Below see some of the reasons why:

- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is a **drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Thank you, Diana Zelnio



**From:** Sarah Grant [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:59:59 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please consider banning all trapping of animals in New Mexico. Gandhi said you can tell a lot about a culture by how they treat their animals. While New Mexico may be kind to its domesticated animals (who are also victimized by trapping), it is also important how we treat our wild animals. Trapping can lead to unnecessarily drawn out deaths. I think the people and animals in New Mexico deserve much better than this. Thanks for listening.

Sarah Grant  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rita Gugliotta [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:40:00 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Why can't you see that traps are dangerous and should be outlawed. Please get this terrible problem resolved by banning cruel trapping. Thank you...Rita Gugliotta

**From:** Carol Licini [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:59:42 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Joanna,

How can you live with yourself? What will it take to outlaw cruel traps in NM? Gives our state a horrible reputation.

Be a good person and ban traps now.

The trappers have inflicted horrific pain and suffering for years.

Time to stop trapping and give wild animals a life free from trapping.

You can do it!

I hike with dogs on public lands. Your cruel traps scare me to death!

Carol Licini

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Michael Lawler [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:22:05 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please stop all trapping as cruel and unusual inhumane treatment of sentient beings for whom we should be stewards.

**From:** Rita Glasscock [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:03:05 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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PLEASE BAN TRAPS from ALL NEW MEXICO PUBLIC LANDS !!!!

**From:** Fred Weinhagen [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 05:59:55 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I have worked to ban trapping in NM for 30 years. It is unnecessary, cruel and dangerous. Please listen to us.

Dianne Maughan

[REDACTED]

**From:** Paul Wilson [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 05:56:35 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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PLEASE ban these very cruel and inhumane traps NOW! Thank you, Paul Wilson

**From:** Jeanne Green [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 03:30:44 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please get trapping and sodium cyanide bombs off of our public lands. They are indiscriminate and are killing too many species. We cannot enjoy our publically-owned lands when these kind of practices continue to be allowed. What will it take to change this practice. How many deaths and injuries to people, dearly beloved pets and endangered wildlife?

Thank you,  
Jeanne Green

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** Jordan Longman [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 03:18:23 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Get the cowardice out of the wild west. Hysterics throwing us these deranged plans in the name of safety is really starting to get annoying. Game & Fish is a department for men, not the confused who have no idea how the wilderness even works. Obviously, some kind of office spring cleaning is in order before executing a more stable, appropriate plan.

Jordan G Longman

New Mexican resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Clark Zrakovi [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 03:06:07 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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What will it take for you to ban trapping on public land? Maybe having your own dog or cat left to die off trail with a trap on its leg! Listen to the public on this issue and ban trapping on public lands, please.

**From:** Monica Morris [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 02:58:01 PM

**To:** Soules, David, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban all traps from New Mexico Public Lands! This practice is Inhumane to all animals, not just wild animals, but to our own dogs and Even children!! It is barbaric, cruel and unnecessary. Public lands mean just that...PUBLIC!!!! If trappers want their blood fur Let them use their own private land. This is a very dangerous practice and It needs to become obsolete.

M. Morris, owner of three dogs who have every right to roam the public Lands without fear of losing a leg or worse, dying in a disgusting trap!!!!!!

**From:** Peter Fessenden [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 02:35:33 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Come on, wise up and be humane.ALTRAPS MUST BE BANNED FROM NM PUBLIC LANDS!

Thanks you,

Peter Fessenden, PhD

**From:** susan selbin [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 02:04:15 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Traps are indiscriminate and brutal. Please support banning traps from all New Mexico Public lands.

Thank you,  
Susan Selbin  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 01:15:05 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I have sent many letters to you and it seems that it has no affect on you so here is one more. You have the power to change this barbaric outdated unnecessary practice. Why do you feel it is necessary to let people inflict such pain on animals? I hope you look at all the reports,pictures and change your position on trapping, A BARBARIC PRACTICE UNNECESSARY AND OUTDATED, for the animals welfare please do something. Be on the right side of history and look at yourself in the mirror and be proud or your ability to change this practice sleep with a clear conscious not of an image of a helpless animal stuck in the traps freezing, starving, and chewing their own body parts off.

for banning these traps,

Thank you, in advanced

Symantha Garcia

**From:** Carrie Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 02:01:49 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please ban traps from all NM public lands.

As you know, animals experience pain and even slow death from traps and snares.

If knowing this is not enough for you to make this change, i really wish for you a change in heart.

thank you for your time,

carrie

"our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"

**When you eat cows, pigs  
and chickens, here's who  
else you're eating.**



"everyday you are invited to make choices, live your values, change the world"

**From:** David Pieters [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 01:16:17 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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PLEASE, BAN METAL TRAPS on all public lands in New Mexico!!!!!! Many domestic animals as well as wild animals are harmed or killed or horribly wounded by these traps and New Mexico does not stand for such inhumane treatment of any animals. Metal traps cause so much suffering for animals caught in them, these are archaic and cruel methods of killing which need to be banned NOW.

Thanks you so much for hearing my views and taking into consideration the terrible consequences of using these traps.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pieters

[REDACTED]



**From:** Chilton Gregory [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 01:12:50 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear comissioners:

Aside from the unconscionable cruelty of traps, they fail to be specific;

Protected spesces, pets and many other non-targeted

animals and even humans fall victim to traps and the persons who set them.

This random carnage is painful to any compassionate human.

Sincerely,

Chilton Gregory

**From:** Mark Rosacker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 01:09:52 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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If you continue to support recreational and commercial trapping on public lands in New Mexico; you are on the wrong side of history. I do not, and will not, support a game commission bent upon the inhumane destruction of native wildlife and predatory animals for the benefit of a few people whose livelihood makes them a historical anachronism. As a life-long New Mexican and life long hunter; I was taught that killing any animal for sport is both reprehensible and immoral. Trapping endangers members of the public, pets and companion animals, endangered Mexican Wolves, and most importantly the continued health of wild ecosystems in my home state. If you have to: Trap on your own private lands; but move responsibly to protect New Mexico native wildlife on ALL State and Federal public lands. If you can't do that; then get out of New Mexico.

**From:** Michele Oxford-PONCE [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 12:54:09 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban trapping on public land. As a taxpayer, I believe that this is our land and no one should have trapping rights. This is a tragedy and a very barbaric practice. Please put an end to this practice immediately. It serves no purpose in an educated society and puts innocent lives in danger. Thank you for your help with this matter.

**From:** E Shane Scantlebury [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 12:47:43 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban traps from all New Mexico public lands! Thank you.

E Shane Scantlebury

**From:** Karlton Terry [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 12:35:05 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please!!

Don't let this cruel carnage continue. Imagine your own dog or even your own hand in a trap!

thank you,

Karlton

**From:** Isolde Wait [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:37:59 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Hallo, I am asking the NM Game Commission again to ban ALL traps from public lands. Why is it that a minority of people who may not even be tax payers in NM get the right to determine what happens on public lands.

The commission must know that traps are indiscriminate and inhumane. This is why it is so bothersome and incomprehensible that we even have to have this discussion.

NO TRAPS ON PUBLIC LANDS!

Thank you. Are you listening? Isolde Wait.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Linda Friedman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 11:46:18 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I request a ban on traps. This practice is cruel, indiscriminate, a public safety hazard, and a drain on our wildlife.

Thank you,

Linda Friedman

**From:** Joanna Kennedy [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 11:39:52 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Trapping has become a dangerous hobby/occupation. Im old enough to have grown up in the north around old timers who made a living in trapping. If they didnt have the necessary respect for wilderness and wildlife, at least the areAs they worked were unpopulated enough to not be hazardous to the public.

Trapping has lost its necessity as an income source and many buyers are moving to faux furs. Our population has doubled and continues to grow and there are too many careless people in the mix which all makes trapping downright dangerous, as the number of incidents clearly shows.

It will be an adjustment for some, but we are all adjusting to a rapidly changing world every day. Also its been shown time and again that wildlife populations adjust to their own healthy numbers the less we interfere. Some people will dispute this but science trumps them.

The longer youre on the planet the more clear it becomes that the worst predator of all is humans, and we tend to be big babies at that.

TIME TO END TRAPPING ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Joanna Kennedy

Sent from my iPad



**From:** Krisandra Wamsley [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 11:29:31 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please please please end trapping on all public lands. Trapping is heinous, cruel, unnecessary inhumane and barbaric. There is no justification in killing and maiming pets and wildlife. You are aware of all the reasons why you should end this senseless practice.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 11:24:00 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please do your job and inforce these laws. This is cruel and unethical. The animals dont have a fair chance. This suffering should stop. Create other oppourtunities for these folks to supplement their living. Then you would be really do a service to the community

Thank you

Therese OGorman

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sara Hufford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 11:08:58 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please ban all traps on all New Mexico land. These are not humane ways to treat any animal. Provide other means through state supported programs and funds.

Thank You,

Sara Hufford

Resident of [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Cathy Vachez [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 12:34:16 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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**Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands!!!!!!!!!!**

**Cathy Bedart-Vachez.**

**From:** Terri Andres <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 11:06:29 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I am a lifelong resident of New Mexico who is appalled by the continued practice of using traps to harm our wildlife. Traps are brutal and cause prolonged pain and agony. Is this the penalty for simply existing?

This is in addition to traps harming unintended victims.

Please ban this arcane and barbaric trapping of animals.

With respect,

Teresa Andres

[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** Mary Cline [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:57:21 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Tim Emons [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:43:16 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please ban this cruel, barbaric practice...

This is nothing but animal torture and Nm needs to step up and get out of the dark ages and end this cruelty !

Tim

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Brianna Bielecki [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:43:49 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Good afternoon,

Trapping is a barbaric and outdated practice which hurts, kills and maimes not only domestic family pets, but endangered and protected animals. I urge you all to vote for a ban on this inhumane and highly unregulated practice. We must think about the future and start protecting life on our public lands.

Recently, Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) introduced a bill that will save thousands of animals from painful deaths. The “Limiting Inhumane Federal Trapping (LIFT) for Public Safety Act” (H.R. 5954) will ban almost all trapping on our public lands, including prohibiting federal employees from using inhumane and indiscriminate “body-gripping” traps.

I plead of you to do the same in New Mexico.

Respectfully,  
Brianna Bielecki

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[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)



**From:** Marcia Kellam [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:39:05 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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**From:** Marcia Kellam [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:38:54 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear Game Commissioners:

I have seen the horrendous, torturing mechanism of the traps used in New Mexico. They are absolutely abominable, and have NO place on our public lands (or anywhere). These animals are BEINGS! They BELONG in those lands and are not there for the exploitation by humans who like to kill (for whatever reason or excuse they may put forth as a justification).

Imagine the sheer terror and pain and suffering these innocent beings endure when they get caught in one of these devices. You wouldn't wish that on anyone you know, right? Why inflict it on others, just because they are not human? It's shameful and disgusting and completely unwarranted.

PLEASE! Stop the torture and the use of any traps (or poisons) on our public lands. It's time now.

Thank you, Marcia Kellam

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:35:10 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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PLEASE BAN ALL TRAPS. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS! DON'T WE LIVE IN AMERICA?????  
YVONNE SHAFFER-PEREZ

**From:** JOYCE COUSINO [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:23:05 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear Officials,

Please ban all trapping in New Mexico and especially on public lands it is such a danger to house pets and small animals, and children can even get caught in them.

They are too cruel to leave lying around.

Thank you,

Joyce Cousino

[REDACTED]

**From:** Stephanie Kaylan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:09:59 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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No No No No.

What will it take for you to remove all these traps?

Your children hiking, playing & THEN being caught in these traps?

Your friends & family members being caught in these traps?

Your pets being caught in these traps?

**YOU** being caught in these traps?

Get real.

Wake up.

Stop it NOW!

Do the correct thing for once before Nature is messed up even more than it already is.

SGMKJ

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**From:** Charlene- Kevin McDermott-Cottage [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:09:58 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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This inhumane practice is not part of our value system as New Mexicans. Please ban traps from all public lands. Thank you. Dr. Charlene McDermott

**From:** Elizabeth Buchen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 10:56:51 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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**From:** Tortugamouse1 [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:11:50 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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PLEASE STOP THIS CARNAGE. Minnie Murray



**From:** NANCY ADAM [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 10:00:12 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please, please, please ban traps particularly on public lands. This is a barbaric practice that puts all animals in harms way, including pets and humans. The trappers should not have the last word on such a horrific way to trap and kill animals. I know people who have been out hiking and found dying animals and said the sounds from them as they suffer should not happen to anyone or thing.

Please consider that we are now in the 21st century and should reconsider all our old practices that history and beginning in different times.

Thank you.

Nancy Adam

**From:** Desert Mouse [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:57:40 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear Commissioner,

Traps are indiscriminately cruel, causing unspeakable suffering to wild, endangered and domestic animals alike. We are supposed to be a civilized country. Please ban traps from all NM public land.

Respectfully,

Judith Hetem

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**From:** Charly Drobeck [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:27:25 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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To whom it may concern:

Please ban traps from all our public lands..this is and old and unnecessary risk to hikers, our dogs and others, and is cruel to say the least.

Thanks for your considerations,

CharlySusan Drobeck

[REDACTED]

**From:** Sandra Monday [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:31:52 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I believe in a trap free New Mexico. I am an animal lover of all animals, snakes, etc. Instead of being the state in last place again, we could be the best state showing how we care for all animals and do whatever we can do to save them all and keep them from suffering and dieing.

**From:** april west [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:26:19 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

April West

**From:** Diane Eriksson [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:28:48 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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This barbaric and indiscriminate practice must be stopped. Not only do family pets get trapped but endangered species, unintended species and even humans can suffer from traps. My friend was exposed to cyanide poisoning when she came upon a trap near her home and attempted to safely set it off before her dog did. The cyanide went off in her face. She ended up in urgent care. The unintended consequences are too much for any real benefits. Please don't allow this any longer.

Diane Eriksson [REDACTED]

**From:** Trish Heck [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:27:07 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Visitors and residents alike see trapping as cruel and dangerous. Allowing leg hold traps gives our state a bad name. Grant County is trying to promote tourism to help our economy. Traps work against our efforts.

Please forbid leg hold traps and similar devices on public lands.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Heck

**From:** Yamuna Landsberg [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:09:19 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Thank You for time -  
Yamuna Landsberg



**From:** Greg Griffin [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:18:12 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Stop trapping In New Mexico! This cruel, barbaric trapping does not discriminate on what it traps and should be banned in New Mexico, the USA, and worldwide. No civilized society should allow the suffering and destruction to wildlife caused by trapping - its antiquated and its time should be put in the past with no future in New Mexico! Haven't New Mexico trappers inflicted enough torture to wildlife and endangered wildlife, too. California has already outlawed it, and other states, like New Mexico, should follow their lead. Please be a humane, positive voice for saving New Mexico's wildlife!

Sincerely,  
Greg Griffin

**From:** Russell Abolt [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:03:57 AM

**To:** Soules, David, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I am opposed to trapping on public lands. It is in humane in my view. We live in a time of wildlife being threatened due to reduction of habitat and global warming. Most everything in nature is being threatened. Let's do our part to support our wild places- PLEASE.

**From:** Margaret Soriero [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:57:20 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I completely support banning all traps in New Mexico public lands.. The evidence is overwhelming in showing the negative consequences in such an activity as uncontrollable and cruel as these archaic traps. Thank you for reading this.

Margaret Soriero

**From:** Barbara Basler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:51:11 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Trapping is dangerous and cruel and should be banned on the public lands we all share. Why are a few people allowed to profit by endangering residents and wildlife? This is patently unfair! A real scandal. Why are you participating in this? Do the right thing for the people of New Mexico. Stop trapping. Barbara Basler

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Matrix Storm [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:48:02 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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**From:** Elaine Giovando [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:41:26 AM

**To:** Soules, David, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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It is cruel. That should be enough. Imagine how the animals suffer. Have some human compassion.

Elaine Giovando [REDACTED]

**From:** pgnm [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:39:07 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Game Commissioners-

Get rid of traps on my public lands.

They hurting way too many companion animals and Mexican wolves.

This must stop. I have seen a map and there far map than I realized. Trapping is cruel and inhumane.

Sincerely,

Pat Duncan

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** Cheryl Scannell [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:34:40 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to implore you to revisit your woefully inadequate proposal for new limits on animal trapping in New Mexico; I urge you to ban trapping on all New Mexico public lands.

I retired to Silver City, New Mexico to enjoy hiking on public lands with my dogs. I became alarmed upon learning how exposed I am to trapping incidents and injuries, given the lack of any meaningful controls on trapping in this state, or meaningful safeguards to protect me, my dogs, and non-target wildlife including most significantly, endangered Mexican wolves. These circumstances, and reading the harrowing accounts of individuals, pets and wildlife involved in trap incidents, has diminished my use and enjoyment of my precious public lands.

The detrimental impacts of trapping on New Mexico public lands far outweigh the minuscule private benefits to the handful of people that still engage in this practice from a bygone era. First, recreational users of New Mexico public lands outnumber trappers by orders of magnitudes, and the in-state economic benefits of recreational use are enormous and growing. These uses and benefits are seriously threatened by trapping -- it only takes a few horrific trap encounters to dissuade people from using their public lands, and the emotional scars of actually being involved in a trap encounter will stay with people for years. Relatedly, trapping is cruel, to an extent that is vastly inconsistent with modern values and sensibilities of New Mexicans. New Mexicans' rejection of cruel trapping practices is evident in the support for ending coyote killing contests and the overwhelming support for ending all trapping on public lands. In addition, trapping is disturbingly indiscriminate, catching, maiming and killing "non-target" animals including pets, people and threatened and endangered wildlife at a not insignificant level. Even a single injury to a family dog hiking companion is intolerable given that encounters cannot be completely avoided due to the lack of controls on placement of traps and lack of flags or other markings that would allow avoidance of traps. But, trapping, injuring or killing even a single endangered Mexican gray wolf is a significant threat to the recovery of this species and is not tolerable. Moreover, trapping, injuring or killing Mexican gray wolves without a permit is illegal, and arguably the state is vicariously liable for these violations of the Endangered Species Act by knowingly authorizing trapping that continues to take numerous protected wolves.

Given the facts, costs and benefits of trapping on New Mexico public lands, the only rational course of action in the public interest is to completely ban such trapping.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cheryl Scannell  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Tom Holley [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:30:44 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage you to work toward elimination of trapping in New Mexico. It is an outdated solution to a questionable problem which results in severe cruelty to the animals involved. No one can seriously question the fact that the animals caught in these traps suffer incredible pain and anguish. We are better than this. Please help to put an end to trapping in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Tom Holley

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**From:** Br <y[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:30:44 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban trapping in New Mexico.

Respectfully, Bryan Romkey. [REDACTED]

**From:** Carl Hansen <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 10:32:35 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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To whom it may concern,

Respectfully I want to ask the commissioners to Ban all trapping on public lands, despite the modified traps and supposed attentive trappers, much pain, suffering and cruelty is put upon these wild creatures and frequently pets. Its time to stop this barbaric practice.

Thank you,

Carl Hansen

District Fire Chief , [REDACTED]

**From:** Yvette Tapp <y[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:30:28 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Commisioners:

November 1st marked the start of another trapping season that will inflict cruelty and carnage on our native wildlife, companion animals, and public lands. Currently, the New Mexico Game Commission is considering some paltry, inadequate changes to the trapping rules. BAN ALL TRAPPING that is not humane for relocating or rescuing animals. Trapping is immoral, sadistic and has no place in our world.

Sincerely,

Yvette Tapp  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lynn Wilkinson [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:20:11 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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- Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

**From:**

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**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:17:20 AM

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The continued use of traps in New Mexico is horrifying. We must put an end to this. It is our job to protect, not to encourage injuring and killing animals. Please put some effort into fixing this problem.

Thank you,  
Linda Walters

**From:** Patricia Wolph <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:16:10 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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It is time for NM to end this indiscriminate and cruel practice, with very little going to NM in revenue and a lot going to trappers.

Pat Wolph, [REDACTED]

**From:** McIntyre, Barbara

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:11:51 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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PLEASE for the sake of hikers safety and our precious canine companions...STOP this brutal practice....

there is no good reason to allow this anymore.

Barbara McIntyre

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Sandra Jackson <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:15:52 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Given that you on the Commission are supposed to represent the people of New Mexico, how can you continue to allow inhumane and indiscriminate trapping on our public lands when a majority of the people in this state are against it?

Please ban all trapping on public lands.

Thank you,

Sandra Jackson  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Laura Tokar <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 08:06:18 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I would like you to ban all trapping on public lands. People can do whatever they want on their own private land but public land belongs to all of us! Besides trapping being an awful, inhumane and cruel way to torture and kill animals, I shouldn't have to fear walking with small children or my dogs when I go on a beautiful hike on public lands.

Please vote to ban trapping and keep public lands friendly for all of us to use.

Thank you,

Laura Tokar

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Dianna Stone <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:54:34 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban traps from all New Mexico public lands. I live in [REDACTED]s, and our pets, and beloved wildlife are caught in them. Then, they die a horrendous death.

Sincerely,

Dianna L Stone  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marc Calderwood <[REDACTED]>m>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:56:02 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQxWOTCjg74>

Cruelty is just ... cruelty.

Marc Calderwood

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**From:** Lori Laiche <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:52:37 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear Game and Fish Commission:

Why do we have to endure these traps so close to our trails and placed in wild areas that you can't foresee! Does New Mexico have to be the land of backwardness and decayed thinking? How could it be that this beautiful state is still allowing such a barbaric practice? It's simply shameful what we're allowing and worse I'm afraid to go on the trails or off trail anymore. Where can you go now to be safe?? How can you make the trappers follow the rules? Do you believe they actually check those traps like they should? No! We all no they don't and there is no one that needs to trap for a living or are we really still in the dark ages? Haven't we progressed? Apparently not and for this reason I'm afraid to enjoy this beautiful state. Don't I have that right, the right to enjoyment? Not if there are traps all over that can share a dog before your eyes and leave you helpless to save it. Why would I or anyone else want to go on a walk. New Mexico is always in the lead for some of the dumbest decisions on the country. Can't we get on the right path and do this right? No traps... Please....no more traps!! I can't understand why New Mexico has to be so out of touch with the rest of the country.

Sent from Lori Laiche [Outlook Mobile](#)

**From:** kwindchild <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 10:18:23 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear New Mexico Legislators,

I am imploring you, please, ban the trapping on public lands in this state. It is a cruel practice to sentient beings much like ourselves. It indiscriminately

kills all creatures regardless of their value to the trapper. It is a public safety issue for people and everything else that may come across those paths. And

perhaps most importantly, half the number of animals that existed on this planet in 1970 have already disappeared; we cant continue to eliminate

animals indiscriminately without suffering dire consequences of the lack of biodiversity which is required for a healthy ecosystem, so that we all may

continue to live. It is no longer an option to waste the biological resources of this planet without suffering the results .

Please respect the life forms we are all intertwined with. thank you,

respectfully, Karen Windchild

**From:** Evey Jones [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:51:51 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Stop trapping and using this cruelty to kill and maim animals in NM

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Julie <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:47:45 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please, Ms. Prukop, as people, we have grown beyond the random cruelty that trapping is. We are currently facing mass extinction all over the world. We need our animals in New Mexico to be respected.

Thank you

Julie Morgan

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** Judyth Shamosh <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:47:13 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Hello,

My dog was accidentally trapped on public lands. Fortunately she was not severely hurt. I resent our public lands being used for this purpose to supply other countries with fur from our animals.

- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
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- J. Shamosh
- [REDACTED]

**Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are. --Harold Kushner**

**From:** VICTORIA SEALE [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:34:37 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Commissioners,

I appreciate the complexities of your position in establishing rules that effect varied uses of public land by varied people. However, the majority of New Mexicans are not in favor of trapping on public lands in New Mexico. A small minority of trappers are the tail wagging the dog when it comes to keeping trapping on public lands. Private land owners can trap or hire trappers if they need to protect their private interests. Please consider the greater public safety by banning trapping on public lands.

Sincerely,

Victoria Seale

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Sent from my iPad

**From:** Amira Rida <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:35:35 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Joanna, Henry, Jimmy, Gail, David and Tirzio,

Please make it illegal to have traps of any kind in New Mexico, so animals and people can be safe to enjoy nature. Please enforce these ban on trapping with fines for a first offense and jail time for the second offense.

There is no need for traps, dogs get killed and it catches a lot of other animals, leaving them to die slowly. It's a historic practice which belongs in the past, like when women couldn't vote and interracial marriages were not allowed, please stop this cruel practice.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.  
Amira

**From:** Ronald Christ <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:32:16 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please ban animal traps in News Mexico.

Thank you.

Ronald Christ  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kay Sievers <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:32:30 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Stop catering to a cruel and barbaric minority. Traps don't belong on PUBLIC LANDS.

**From:** John Falvey [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:28:43 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Esteemed Game Commissioners,

Please exercise all the authority granted to you by the citizens of New Mexico to ban public land trapping state wide. You will be moving our state forward and history will prove your leadership correct and moral.

For me here are the top 3 reasons you must act:

- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Thank you for your time and energy to stop this practice for good in the land of enchantment.

Regards,  
John Falvey  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] t

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:19:29 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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My incident near Tajiique Creek camp ground is not on the list It was about 75 feet from the road and campground It was baited with some stinky animal skin. Pistol got caught and started screaming the other dogs started attacking him. I was able to release him with no damage to either of us He did have some bites from his best friends. While I was taking it off him His sister Polly Jo got zapped by another one. She was not so easy to get out and bit my hand over and over Until I stuck a stick in her mouth. She wasn't hurt at all. I had to go to emergency and had 12 stitches. One of the neighbors run off permanently the trapper. Ramona Wilson [REDACTED]

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**From:** Georgena Felicia [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 07:17:47 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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- Kindly consider that trapping is an inhumane method.
- It captures creatures not meant to be caught.
- It is a cruel, tormented maiming or death
- It is "unfair" with -0- dignity on the part of the trapper
- Consider your animals or a family being caught or dying ...
- Learn to hunt or fish or protect your livestock some other way.

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Georgena Felicia



**From:** CindyR [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 11:46:23 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Cc:** CindyR <croper56@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the ongoing issues with trapping in New Mexico. There are many reasons that I believe trapping should be banned on public lands (the inherently indiscriminate nature and inhumanity of traps are at the top of that list). But I'm sure you've heard from many New Mexicans concerned with those issues.

In my mind, the strongest argument against trapping is how we allow 0.1% of New Mexico's population unlimited access to the wildlife that belongs to every citizen of this state. "There is no bag limit on any protected furbearer" is absolute exploitation of our wildlife, for private profit, with little to no benefit to the state. If you are going to continue to allow this commodification of animal lives to go on, then you need to (1) limit the number of trapping licenses sold and (2) allow any NM citizen to purchase them. Then, at the very least, those of us who respect and value these animals alive will be afforded the same rights to this hideousness.

It is well past time to stop allowing our NM wildlife pelts from ending up overseas somewhere so that some wealthy and uncompassionate jerk might bedeck themselves.

Trapping on NM public lands is no longer warranted. Do what is best for this state and ban traps from NM public lands!

Sincerely,

Cindy Roper  
[REDACTED]

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

**Aldo Leopold**, *A Sand County Almanac*.

**From:** Bo Bergstrom [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 01:44:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

If the current inadequate proposals stand, NM will still be allowing unlimited killing of any "furbearing" species like foxes, bobcats and badgers. Wildlife species will still be caught by mistake, including endangered animals like the Mexican wolf. The by-catch of unintended species like javelina, cougars, bears, squirrels, porcupines and birds will still go unrecorded and uncounted. Trappers will still not be held liable if a canine companion is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog.

In summary, I ask you to prohibit recreational and commercial trapping on all public lands.

--Sincerely, Bo Bergstrom.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Bo Bergstrom

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Debbie Vering [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 01:18:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

These are public land that should be enjoyed by all not trappers. I walk my dogs on public lands where they can run free off the leash. I constantly fear that they will run into a trap. Trapping is old and barbaric and is outdated in this century and should be outlawed in this country and state.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Debbie Vering

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Rachel Gift [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 01:40:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

We are already experiencing species die-off at alarming rates, and in New Mexico, our biodiversity is precious and worth preserving. Please ban trapping. It puts not only wildlife at risk but also domestic dogs and cats. Also, it's a disgrace to humanity; it's sneaky and pathetic.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rachel Gift

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Nicole Waltermire [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 11:47:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Nicole Waltermire

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Deb Ungar [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 09:50:29 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is way past due. The benefits of trapping are minimal compared to the risks to people and animals not meant to be ensnared. It's time to rule on favor of the greater good.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Deb Ungar

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Ken Hughes [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 10:34:39 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I attended the Game and Fish meeting in Las Cruces on October 24 and was encouraged by the staff's commitment to science based approach to trapping, which is reflected in the proposed updates. However, they do not go far enough in protecting wildlife from unconsciousable pain and suffering from the use of 19th century practices. I would urge the Commission to follow the lead of Arizona in setting policies that would bring New Mexico toward the 21st century.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ken Hughes

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Jean Carsey [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/05/2019 05:54:21 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I can't believe that anyone believes that it is morally right to allow animals to be trapped on public lands! It is cruel and inhuman. Would you want your children or grandchildren to see an animal die or his way and know that you condoned it?

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jean Carsey

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Vicky Lee Groskinsky [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 06:38:39 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please do not allow any Traps on All New Mexico Public Lands

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Commissioners, as a long time resident of New Mexico, I would like to voice my opposition to trapping on public lands.

- Trapping on public lands results in haphazard trapping of unintended animals including pets. I personally know a person who was injured trying to release her dog that had been captured in a trap. No pets should ever be caught in traps. No wolves and other wild animals should ever be caught in traps.
- Trapping is brutal and savage; it should be a thing of the past and not allowed on our public lands. Animals suffer in traps and this is not acceptable.
- Trapping can not be monitored properly. There is not enough staff to make sure that many activities on public lands are conducted legally and this includes trapping. This makes these lands more unsafe and inhospitable for all users, let alone the wildlife.

Our magnificent New Mexico Public Lands are tainted by trapping. Please ban trapping on New Mexico Public Lands.  
Sincerely, Vicky

Vicky Groskinsky  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Martha Ennis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/03/2019 01:08:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Martha Ennis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Denise Hyde [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 11/04/2019 06:01:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

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It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support. Thank you for sharing our concerns and taking swift action to stop this barbaric practice.

Sincerely,

Denise Hyde

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Edwards, Mark [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 10:09:33 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Request from Rep. Miguel Garcia  
**Attachments:** LGCageOct31.19.pdf

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Hello Commissioner Lopez,

The legislative Land Grant Committee will be meeting tomorrow at Ghost Ranch. One of the topics of discussion has to do with the process for awarding Elk Permits to land grants-mercedes, and the Chair, Rep. Miguel Garcia, has asked that you be there to hear about the issue. Director Sloane will be in attendance for this meeting, but if you can make it, it would be greatly appreciated.

My apologies for the short notice. I had tried reaching you by phone a couple of weeks ago, but was unsuccessful. If you have any questions, please call me at [REDACTED]

Thanks, Mark

*May you find Wonder this day*

Mark H. Edwards  
Drafter



**From:** susan biggs [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:28:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
susan biggs

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Linda Deno [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:24:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Trapping is dangerous to the public at large, as well as causing expensive veterinary bills and emotional distress to people when their pets are caught in traps if it does not kill the pet outright. As a licensed veterinary technician I have assisted in trap-caused leg amputations. Trapping inflicts unacceptable suffering on wildlife as well. NM Game and Fish keeps acting as if we are living in 1920 instead of 2019. Do you really want our state to be this barbaric so a few trappers can make a little cash? As a New Mexico taxpayer I absolutely do not.

Sincerely,  
Linda Deno

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joe Ward [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:09:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Steel traps are horribly cruel. They have no place in today's world. Please ban them from New Mexico's public lands. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Joe Ward

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Margo Berg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:16:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Margo Berg

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Lucia Annunziata [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:54:47 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Lucia Annunziata

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Natalie Van Leekwijck [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:28:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Natalie Van Leekwijck

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dyan Merick <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:14:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public [land.WS](#)

Sincerely,  
Dyan Merick

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marie Dickenson [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:31:20 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Marie Dickenson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Freya Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:05:28 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Freya Harris

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rita Glasscock [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:05:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Rita Glasscock

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol Weiss [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:52:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps and snares are cruel. You should put a stop to the use completely.

Sincerely,  
Carol Weiss

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol Weiss [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:54:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps and snares are cruel punishment and should be stopped completely.

Sincerely,  
Carol Weiss

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Sue Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:02:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Sue Williams

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jean Bernstein [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:53:51 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Trapping benefits no one, not even the ranchers that support it. Innocent domestic animals also suffer from these danger, hidden traps. Let's leave the dark ages and move into enlightenment - ban traps and snares.

Sincerely,  
Jean Bernstein

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ellen Soles <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:42:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Traps and snares are inhumane methods resulting in cruel forms of animal death and unnecessary suffering. As indiscriminate tools, they also pose a public safety hazard. I oppose their use on New Mexico's public lands except where absolutely required, and only by licensed, qualified professionals--not for-profit trappers. I would deeply appreciate your re-considering and greatly strengthening the proposed changes to trapping regulations to ban them in most cases, helping to align New Mexico with 21st century scientific understanding of animal physiology and neurology, as well as the public welfare. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Soles

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Myrna Britton [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:34:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Myrna Britton

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mindy Newby [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:28:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel: Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. This bobcat found near La Jencia represents such suffering. It is not uncommon for leghold traps to be found with only a paw/foot left in them. The survival of these trap victims is questionable.

Traps are indiscriminate: Traps frequently maim and kill non-target animals and there are many such instances across the state. Traps can catch animals as small as chipmunks. In New Mexico, non-target animals that have been killed or maimed by leghold traps include black bears, Mexican gray wolves (over 40 incidents), owls, and mountain lions. One caller to Animal Protection of New Mexico's Cruelty Hotline reported finding and releasing an injured raven caught in a trap. Many other species are at risk, including domestic animals...

Traps are a public safety hazard: Along with non-target wildlife, leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs or cats in nearly every county in New Mexico. Last year at least two dogs (Roxy and Ranger) were killed by traps in the state and a handful more were injured (Kekoa was among multiple dogs that lost a leg). Data from reported incidents on public lands show that traps threaten all New Mexicans and their companion animals, not just those who recreate near populated areas of the state.

Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit: For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations. There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,

Mindy Newby  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Elaine Pinckard [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 04:21:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Pinckard

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Budd Berkman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:40:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly object to trapping on our public lands.

As a New Mexican who moved here because of the state's wildlife and wild lands, we must preserve this natural resource for all of us to enjoy.

This is our land and the vast majority of us do not want animals trapped on it. Trapping is inherently cruel and indiscriminate.

Thank you,  
Budd Berkman

Sincerely,  
Budd Berkman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dawn Mason [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:56:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Mason

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Pippa Scott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:48:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Commissioner Vesbach,

"Animal Protection, my foot!"

Shame on you! The pain you deliver, the agony, the despair and the suffering is shocking.

I am thoroughly against it. Not only in beautiful New Mexico bu all over the United States.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lee Rich.

Sincerely,  
Pippa Scott  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Pippa Scott [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:43:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an American, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are unbelievably cruel, painful and unsupportable. How can you indulge in such impossibly horrifying decision-making, on our behalf yet! Or at the very least for the citizens of the beautiful state of New Mexico which I have visited many, many times. Well, no longer, you can be sure. Its a totally disgusting rule and one that should be discontinued in every state of the union, not only New Mexico.

Thank you,  
Pippa Scott

[REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
Pippa Scott

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dylan Shaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:29:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. There is no scientific evidence for any type of trapping and it is incredibly cruel and inhumane. Please do the right thing for animals, New Mexicans and visitors of this state by removing trapping from our beautiful lands. Let's clear up this black eye. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Dylan Shaw

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Paulette Metzler [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 04:12:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Paulette Metzler

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Patricia Carlton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 04:11:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land, or anywhere.

This barbaric cruelty has no place in the New Mexico landscape.

Destroying our wildlife and putting our pets and even children at risk of terrible harm for the benefit of a few so-called trappers is unconscionable. Surely they can find a better way to make a living than engaging in medieval torture.

Sincerely,

Patricia Carlton  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** C Scullin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:32:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, TRAPS AND SNARES ON PUBLUC PAND ARE TO BE PROHIBITED!!! This is not a hard decision or one that takes any time to reach. JUST ENACT IT NOW!

Sincerely,  
C Scullin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Deborah Williamson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:19:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit: For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations. There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,

Deborah Williamson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dani Duran <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:20:41 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dani Duran

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** william crosby [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:04:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
william crosby

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Teri Coker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:09:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Teri Coker

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mike Shields <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:50:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Mike Shields

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anne Desiderio <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:39:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Anne Desiderio

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jeanne Block [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:27:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing to you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are inhumane - animals are left to die in pain or to chew their own feet off. They are indiscriminate - they can trap and kill pets, as well as threatened and endangered species.

Public lands should not be used for "trappers" to earn a living, particularly in such an inhumane and cruel manner.

Please vote NO on ANY traps or snares on public land in New Mexico.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Block

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cory Sisk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:12:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Until allowing these barbaric practices are stopped, pets and wildlife will be tragically killed and maimed. In the 21st Century, there is no justification for using such archaic torture to address human/wildlife conflicts. It's time to modernize our approach in these matters, even in such a poor state as NM.

Sincerely,  
Cory Sisk

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** suzanne oliva <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 12:28:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is a cruel, inhumane, indiscriminate and outdated practice. I have been to the public meetings and have seen first hand that you dont care at all what wildlife experts, conservationists, hunters and 95 percent of the public think at all. It is puzzling to me why you continually vote to keep this practice going in the face of such opposition. What are you profitting from this?

Sincerely,  
suzanne oliva

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rakim Merrill [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 12:20:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Rakim Merrill

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Ali Van Zee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:38:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a frequent visitor to New Mexico, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ali Van Zee

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carmen Martinez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 10:51:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Carmen Martinez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lynne Miles [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:11:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Lynne Miles

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Robert M and Carol G Reed [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:11:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Robert M and Carol G Reed

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gudrun Dennis [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 11:05:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an American, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Gudrun Dennis

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Moranda Meyer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 10:57:22 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

The cruelty of to both wild and domestic animals is abhorrent. Please do away with this form of torture once and for all.

Sincerely,  
Moranda Meyer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Linda Kastner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 10:48:07 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

We no longer live in the days of the movie "The Revenant". I am so sick of hearing that certain practices need to be continued because of the cultural history. All over the world arcane and outdated practices are being called into question. Like slavery, female genital mutilation, child marriage, cock fighting, etc. It is time for New Mexico to evolve.

Is the CRS money collected from trappers really worth the loss of tourist dollars? The state with it's new position of recreation director and New Mexico True campaign is attempting to lure visitors to our state's public lands. Just wait till they see the horror of a trapped and suffering animal, or their children see it or their dog gets trapped and word gets out about what a backward and cruel state we actually are. Land of Enchantment my foot!

Then of course there is the power of the cattleman's lobby. Even though they may have a lease it is still public land. Are the cattle ranchers so uncreative and stuck in the past that they can't find other more modern ways to protect their herds?

Sure sounds like the Game and Fish Department is so married to these lobbies that they refuse to end trapping rather than listen to the citizens of New Mexico.

Sincerely,  
Linda Kastner

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jane Gowe [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 09:19:34 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jane Gowe

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Ivan Fuentes [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 08:37:30 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ivan Fuentes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** John Roig [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:56:06 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are barbaric and indiscriminate and completely indifferent. They represent the worst of the dominant species. Shame.

Sincerely,  
John Roig

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Margaret Frederici [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:39:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are extremely cruel and a very outdated form of hunting.

Traps on public lands jeopardize all creatures domestic and wild.

Traps allowed on public lands reflect poorly on the people and states of New Mexico.

Trapping allowed on public lands only benefit a very small majority of the state's population.

Margaret Frederici

Sincerely,  
Margaret Frederici

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** molly mysliwiec <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:30:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
molly mysliwiec

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Dwight Miller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 10:34:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I know first-hand how easily these traps can ensnare an innocent animal and the damage it can cause. This happened to me in December 2018 while hiking with my family along a recreational road on public land in Placitas. My dog, an intelligent cattle herding breed, was attracted to the carrion in a trap set just 12 feet from the public road we were using. His leg became caught in the trap, injuring him as well as myself when I released him from it. I immediately reported the incident to a Game Warden, who was already in the area to investigate a similar issue that another group had reported. I could not believe that a trap was improperly set so close to areas where people recreate and I worry what would have happened if a child had found the trap first. Public lands need to be safe places for people to recreate along with children and animals, and my experience has made me question whether public lands are safe, so as long as traps, snares, and poison are allowed on them.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Dwight Miller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anne Montarou [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:13:27 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Anne Montarou

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Terrie Williams <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:25:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel: Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. This bobcat found near La Jencia represents such suffering. It is not uncommon for leghold traps to be found with only a paw/foot left in them. The survival of these trap victims is questionable.

Traps are indiscriminate: Traps frequently maim and kill non-target animals and there are many such instances across the state. Traps can catch animals as small as chipmunks. In New Mexico, non-target animals that have been killed or maimed by leghold traps include black bears, Mexican gray wolves (over 40 incidents), owls, and mountain lions. One caller to Animal Protection of New Mexico's Cruelty Hotline reported finding and releasing an injured raven caught in a trap. Many other species are at risk, including domestic animals...

Traps are a public safety hazard: Along with non-target wildlife, leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs or cats in nearly every county in New Mexico. Last year at least two dogs (Roxy and Ranger) were killed by traps in the state and a handful more were injured (Kekoa was among multiple dogs that lost a leg). Data from reported incidents on public lands show that traps threaten all New Mexicans and their companion animals, not just those who recreate near populated areas of the state.

Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit: For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations. There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,  
Terrie Williams

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Randy Diner [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:20:25 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Randy Diner

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Christine Wiltshire <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:18:07 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Humans Who Hold Responsibility for Wildlife

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I know the cons list. You know the cons list. You have a lot of people to please. I will be trying to reach you on a different level.

What is not said enough is this: As humans who hold the top of the food chain, we must practice compassion and use safer, better technologies to feed our ever growing consumption of Mother Nature. Everything needs to be used with a heart of gratitude and a light touch. Humanity needs to open eyes and practice the best, most humane killing of creatures.

As an outdoor enthusiast, I also actually see too few creatures in our forests. We are blessed to have such unreal topography in our state. Let's do our best to nurture, preserve and be grateful.

Warmly,  
Christine Wiltshire

Sincerely,  
Christine Wiltshire  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Cheryl Gibson [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:09:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing to you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps and snares are categorically barbaric and dangerous. It is time for New Mexico to demonstrate that we respect our wildlife and that we are a civil and humane society.

Trapping and snaring should be banned. Please show respect and compassion for life.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Gibson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** christa romppanen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:07:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
christa romppanen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Menczer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 07:03:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I live in a rural part of New Mexico and far too often have encountered traps when hiking. Last year, a trap snapped on my dog's leg. Luckily, I was with a friend and we were able to get the trap off-if I had been hiking only with my dog, I can't imagine what would have happened-probably a leg amputation. This trap was just a few feet off trail. Besides my personal experience though, traps indiscriminately take wildlife and are dangerous for pets and children. It's time to stop this barbaric practice; times have changed, our ecosystems are changing, our wildlife is more and more at risk--banning all private and commercial trapping on public lands is one step to conserving New Mexico's wonderful wildlife heritage.

Sincerely,  
Karen Menczer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jenifer Taylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:49:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jenifer Taylor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** rdsfd dfs <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:43:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,

rdsfd dfs

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Wellyem Guerra <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:38:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Wellyem Guerra

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Chris Miller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 09:59:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Chris Miller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Patricia Griffey [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 06:11:00 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Griffey

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Caroline Sévilla <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 05:49:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Sévilla

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Nico Font [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:57:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Nico Font

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joyce Alexander [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:32:39 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Alexander

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jan Repp <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:05:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jan Repp

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gail McIntyre <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:03:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Gail McIntyre

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rod Repp [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 03:03:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Rod Repp

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Paul Troalic <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:48:58 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Paul Troalic

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Mills O'Connor [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 02:23:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my extreme opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I view this practice as barbaric, inhumane, immoral and vile.

As a hard working tax payer I refuse to pay for this to occur under any circumstances.

Ban trapping outright!

Sincerely,

Mills O'Connor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** James Trever [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:58:06 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
James Trever

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Melissa Fagan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 09:53:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Fagan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kathleen Ray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 01:55:33 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Ray

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ludmila Dmitriev-Odier [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 12:28:41 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ludmila Dmitriev-Odier  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Connie Burris [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:51:17 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Connie Burris

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lori Workizer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:49:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

It is cruel. Animals suffer needlessly because of these traps. It is THEIR home that is being invaded by these horrible traps that should be a thing of the past. New Mexicans demand better for our state. Please be the voice animals need for their own safety and protection.

Sincerely,  
Lori Workizer

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Maria Elena Justiz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:49:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Maria Elena Justiz

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Gail Larsen [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:40:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I ask you to take action to eliminate this cruel practice which is also a danger to pets and animals that are not targeted. Please put an end to private trapping on public lands to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,  
gail Larsen

Sincerely,  
Gail Larsen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Chris Miller <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:18:53 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Stop this cruel practice .Please

Sincerely,  
Chris Miller

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Katie Robert [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:16:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please make this happen for people, pets, and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
Katie Robert

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Tanya Field [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 10:13:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Tanya Field

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ivan Fuentes [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:51:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ivan Fuentes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Samuel Hena <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 08:48:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a true New Mexican, PLEASE DONT LET THESE LIBERALS TAKE OUR RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND WAY OF LIFE AWAY.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Samuel Hena

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Felicia N Trujillo [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:26:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

This endangers hikers, children and our pets -- as well as causing wild animals to die in agony.

Sincerely,  
Felicia N Trujillo

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Julie Martin [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 09:06:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Julie Martin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Dirk Kortz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:56:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Dirk Kortz

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Crystal Wolf <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:57:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Crystal Wolf

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marilyn Hoff [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:53:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please work to forbid this cruel practice.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Hoff

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** cathy elizabeth levin [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:54:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
cathy elizabeth levin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Steve Melville <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:48:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Steve Melville

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Erica Melville [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:49:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Erica Melville

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joke Melville [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:47:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Joke Melville

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:33:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a concerned citizen and animal lover, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Isn't it time we stopped torturing animals for our own amusement!

Sincerely,  
Susan Allen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** David G. Laramie [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 08:44:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
David G. Laramie

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joni Dobran [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:22:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps maim and kill much more than the intended "target." Other wild animals, pets and even people are often maimed or killed. Trapping is cruel and barbaric, it is certainly not a sport, and it is something that should have been outlawed years ago. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,  
Joni Dobran

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joyce Courtin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:12:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are cruel and immoral! It is one thing to kill an animal swiftly, and another to subject animals to slow painful death or injury. Not to mention the danger it poses to people and domestic animals. Don't just pass a 'lame' bill, pass something meaningful.

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Haven't we evolved into a more sophisticated, knowledgeable being than we were years or centuries ago? No? I hope the answer is yes!

I VOTE!

Sincerely,

Joyce Courtin

Sincerely,  
Joyce Courtin

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** linda satter [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 08:09:29 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. I lost my beloved Siberian Husky to a trap. They are arcane and should be forever banned.

Sincerely,  
linda satter

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Adria Winfield <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:57:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Adria Winfield

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Yazmin Gonzalez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:54:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Yazmin Gonzalez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Elizabeth Watts [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:50:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Watts

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Anita Walsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:44:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. The thought of going out for a walk on public lands is filled with trepidation. This used to be a beautiful and safe pastime, and healthy too. I am sure many people are keeping away from the state's beautiful places because of the danger that traps and snares present. People, kids, pets, endangered species and even livestock are threatened. Of all the ways to kill or harm an animal, this is the most cruel, and as I said, the poor targeted animals are not't the only victims of this indiscriminate practice. Please make them illegal.

Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Anita Walsh

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Charmeine Wait [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:32:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Charmeine Wait

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Brian Christian [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:21:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. These should be outlawed.

Sincerely,  
Brian Christian

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**From:** Halli Bourne [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:21:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Halli Bourne

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**From:** Mary McIntyre [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/12/2019 08:10:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. To many non target species are at risk, and there are no kill limits. The wild life is disappearing and what we retain will be a precious resource in terms of tourist dollars.

Tourist development is a more constructive way of making money , and more profitable

Sincerely,  
Mary McIntyre

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Deborah Risberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:21:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Trapping should not be allowed anywhere. They are cruel: animals endure prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, predation, emotional trauma, and more, and they can trap any critter that happens upon a trap.

They are also a public safety hazard to people and their dogs.

And it is so inexpensive to be a trapper, no bag limits, and yet trappers make money off of OUR wildlife.

None of this is right! New Mexico could make a bold statement by outlawing this cruel, indiscriminate practice that other states could follow. Let's step up and do what is right for animals.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Risberg

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Dorothy Magda [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 07:21:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

My "back yard" is BLM land and I have coyotes, rabbits (cottontails and jacks), quail, roadrunners, all manner of wonderful fur and feather folk, that share their lives with me. You want to trap and get rid of something, how about the feral cats that the animal place keeps putting right back in my yard after I humanely get them. They are flea bitten, rheumy eyed wildlife killers that a neighbor feeds and I have no recourse. It's my pleasure to have this place to walk myself and neighborhood children explore here too. What a cat will walk into and the door shuts is NOT what is being put out to hurt, kill, and torture the animals.

Thank you for whatever attention you give this in passing. Dotty Magda

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Magda

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Maren Northway [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:59:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Animals were here on this planet long before humans and it belongs to the animals. I urge you to give what's rightfully theirs back to them.

Sincerely,  
Maren Northway

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Todd Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:37:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Todd Johnson

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**From:** Pat Wolph <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:17:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is an outrage that NM still lives in the 19th century. NM hardly makes any profit from this horrible practice. And too many pets and animals trappers don't want, are injured or killed. It is time for NM to end this archaic practice.

Sincerely,  
Pat Wolph

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**From:** Jean Chagnon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:15:28 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jean Chagnon

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**From:** Chilton Gregory [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:44:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.  
It's time to wake up to the cruelty of trapping.

The city of Astoria needs to change its name.

Sincerely,  
Chilton Gregory

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Billie Mitchell [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:12:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is inconceivable, to me, that you would allow the cruel and indiscriminate trapping of our wild animals. We must protect their rights to be treated humanely.

Sincerely,  
Billie Mitchell

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jean Chagnon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 06:07:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jean Chagnon

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**From:** Karen Petersen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/11/2019 05:38:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are not only cruel but represent a 19th C outdated view of wildlife and their place in our world...

Sincerely,  
Karen Petersen

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Claudia Binfa [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/13/2019 03:24:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Please stop this -10179 ?-8659 ?

Sincerely,  
Claudia Binfa

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**From:** Liz G [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 03:39:27 PM

**To:** Soules, David, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please ban traps from our public lands. We walk on federal lands with our dogs. A friend's dog here in Chimayó was caught in a trap and nearly killed, in close proximity to public roads and to her house. We are frightened that the same could happen to us.

Our wildlife should be allowed to roam free on our public lands! It should not be a place for people to make money from killing and skinning wildlife who are already endangered.

When we hike on public lands, we try to make sure we have as little effect on the land and wildlife as possible. This is how everyone should be.

Thank you.

Kayhryn Elizabeth Gold  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Nancy Gregory [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 07:54:17 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

As you know, trapping is barbaric. Trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Trapping is indiscriminate: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

Trapping is a horrible public safety hazard: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in amputation and, in two cases, death. Traps are a danger to people too.

Unbelievably, for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species ? in many cases, key ecosystem engineers ? for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Trapping is indefensible. There is no excuse for it. It's uncivilized.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Nancy Gregory

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**From:** amanda downing [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 04:18:13 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please stop this unnecessary torture of animals in our wildlife. I want more protection for wildlife, especially predators before they are all gone. Traps are also very dangerous if left out. For me personally, It is a huge safety and cruelty concern.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

amanda downing

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**From:** Julie Kutz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 08:59:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is a very simple change that is completely necessary: no trapping on public lands...period. I am a life long resident of New Mexico and have hiked everywhere there are public lands in our beautiful state. It is horrifying and truly angering to think that there are indiscriminate traps scattered across our precious public lands that are just waiting to destroy wildlife, including non-targeted species. And on top of it all, these traps are out there laying in wait to snare mine and other's dogs! This is so wrong. Trapping is cruel, it is an archaic practice and NMDGF should not even be changing rules to continue to allow any form of trapping on public lands. The proposed rules are only appropriate for private lands, public lands should not even be considered for anything other than ending trapping for good. Thank you.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Julie Kutz

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**From:** Lael Bradshaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 12:23:24 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is a cruel antiquated sport. It has no business on public lands, or any lands for that matter. Please do a better job of overseeing this past time.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Lael Bradshaw

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**From:** Jean Crawford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 07:59:30 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jean Crawford

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**From:** Gina Giaccardo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 11:42:19 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The Indigenous animals of my home state and ancestral lands should be respected, not trapped and made to suffer for sport or profit.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gina Giaccardo

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**From:** Linda Mcloud [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 09:18:52 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

My Corgi was caught in a leg hold trap, luckily I was only a couple of yards away when it happened, but it took 2 people 10 minutes to get it open!! Anyone that claims leg hold traps are painless or discriminatory are WRONG!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Linda Mcloud

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**From:** Barbara Rockwell [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 08:11:43 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is the worst form of animal cruelty. The role of Game and Fish is to "protect and conserve" the wildlife of NM according to its own mission statement. How can trapping be consistent with this mission? The vast majority of New Mexicans are opposed to trapping. Why is GandF pandering to a tiny minority of people who torture animals for their own personal profit? Make no mistake: trapping is torture.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rockwell

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**From:** Juliet Calabi [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 10:20:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Juliet Calabi

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**From:** Nora Bueno [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 07:18:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please end the war on wildlife! I oppose poisons and trapping on public lands because it is cruel, it is indiscriminate, it is unscientific, and it is a shame that this unnecessary and unethical practice is still backed by the state of New Mexico.

I don't live in New Mexico but I care about the wildlife of every state.

Traps, including leg-hold traps, wire snares, and body-crushing devices, and poisons do not differentiate between species and pose an indiscriminate danger to all. Traps and poisons cause death and harm to many animals including bears, bobcats, foxes, endangered wolves, otters, and companion animals.

A person does not have to be a scientist to know that all species have a purpose and a role in the ecosystem.? Plus, there are other non lethal methods in order to coexist with wildlife. We can't just kill wildlife because we feel is a nuisance or for the economic interest of ranchers/farmers!

?"Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money"?? Cree Indian Proverb

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Nora Bueno

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**From:** Christopher Ulery [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 10:44:22 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is barbaric and inhumanely cruel. The suffering these innocent animals endure is tragic. Do something about it. Stop trapping, just like the rest of the world!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Christopher Ulery

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**From:** Ray Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 11:07:12 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The animals are our brothers and sisters in a real way. Do not slight them, degrade them, harm them, I implore you.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ray Johnson

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**From:** Joanna Paap ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 09:46:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please hear us and stop all Recreational and Commercial Trapping in NM.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joanna Paap

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**From:** Beth Shemo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 07:24:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Beth Shemo

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**From:** Sudeshna Ghosh [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 05:55:56 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sudeshna Ghosh

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**From:** gwen pellicci [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 06:17:00 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

gwen pellicci

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**From:** Larry Grunspan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 05:33:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Larry Grunspan

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**From:** sau tsang [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 07:50:02 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

sau tsang

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**From:** Patrick Burton ([REDACTED]) >  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 07:40:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps inflict prolonged suffering on any victim that they capture.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Patrick Burton

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**From:** Angela Buckley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 08:58:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Angela Buckley

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Gail Clark <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 04:44:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Gail Clark

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**From:** Melody Van Hoose [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 09:27:27 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] trapping and furbearer rule comment

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I am a hiker who goes regularly with my dog into the wilderness and on public lands and it would break my heart if he got his foot into a trap and died because of your negligence to remove these dangerous contraptions from the wilderness.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Melody Van Hoose

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**From:** Brian Cobble [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 06:57:22 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Why the hell should there be any trapping on our public lands? As if wildlife isn't under enough stress with shrinking habitat and drought. It is a barbaric and archaic practice that endangers non-target animals and pets. No trapping.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Brian Cobble

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**From:** Laney Tuttle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 08:35:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. We have all witnessed the cruelty and suffering that comes from snares and traps; from mutilating of protected species to the unnecessary and unregulated killing of non-target animals. It is horrifying, preventable, and vocally opposed by most New Mexicans. Public land in New Mexico does not have to be used by for profit industries that have no stake in our communities or ecosystems. Our environment is, and must be treated, as more important than a resource to carelessly exploit. We have the ability and chance to create lasting change that can protect species across New Mexico. Please, protect our wildlife, oppose traps and snares on public land, too.

Sincerely,  
Laney Tuttle

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Chance Thedford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 02:11:10 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Soules, David, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping rule

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New Mexico Game Commission

The North American Model of Wildlife has been a great success in our country for many years. Why? Because it is science based. Hundreds upon hundreds of hours of research done by educated biologists has resulted in an abundance of wildlife. As you know, the NAMOW supports regulated trapping. Trapping is a large part of the success of non predatory wildlife as well as the animals we trap. Wildlife management should be science based. Politics has no place in wildlife management.

The proposed setback rule is concerning for a few reasons. 1-The new distance proposal would exclude some farms and many ranch pastures, at the least there should be an exemption for private property. 2- The NMDG&F has been promoting hunting, fishing and trapping for the last few years because involvement has been lacking, reducing available land goes against this. 3- The very pets that this proposal aims to protect will in fact put them at increased risk. A dog is far more likely to be injured or killed by a coyote on a trail, than injured by a trap. Lets not forget that the reason for the leash law is to protect the public, livestock and wildlife from loose dogs.

Allowing the Department the ability to set bag limits, again has no scientific basis. If you consider the size of New Mexico (77 million acres) versus the number of trappers and the number of furbearers taken each year, there is absolutely no reason for this. It will open Pandoras box for both the Game Department and outdoorsmen and women in our state. The anti hunting groups will see this as an opportunity to put pressure on the Game Department as well as the commission on a yearly basis.

The NMTA is on board with some of the changes that the NM Game Commission is proposing, such as the mandatory trappers education, breakaways on snares and the swivel requirements. Our organization has pushed for trappers ed for over twenty years and has assisted NMG&F in its development.

Chance Thedford President NMTA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Pat Wolph [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/30/2019 08:22:23 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] trapping

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is time for NM to grow up and stop this heinous practice. This does not help tourism and that makes a whole lot more money than trapping.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Pat Wolph

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**From:** Lori Mitchell [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:35:47 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] No more trapping on public lands!

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I stand against all inhumane trapping of animals on public lands. Leg holds, neck holds, fur trapping, coyote killing, wolf trapping, etc. If it becomes necessary to move problem bears from campgrounds or neighborhoods, a live trap should be used.

Thank you,

Lori Mitchell

Sincerely,

Lori Mitchell

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** John Tischhauser [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:23:27 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

John Tischhauser

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**From:** Rosemary Busterna [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:41:47 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Rosemary Busterna

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Peter Roche [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:43:16 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Peter Roche

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** John Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:21:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

John Roberts

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Julia Knight [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:37:28 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Julia Knight

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Patti Bearpaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:38:26 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Patti Bearpaw

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**From:** Charlotte Weiss <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:21:15 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Charlotte Weiss

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Phil Hollenbeck [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 07:52:27 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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It's 2019! Stop caving to psychopaths. If not, we'll know where you stand.

Sincerely,

Phil Hollenbeck

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Heather Knight [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:33:07 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Heather Knight

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lewis Sponar [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:37:47 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Lewis Sponar

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Dr Terry Malone [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:29:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Dr Terry Malone

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Elisabeth Price [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 07:59:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Elisabeth Price

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Allen Gaarden [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:29:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Allen Gaarden

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**From:** John Hogan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:28:26 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

John Hogan

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**From:** Alexandra Mirabal [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:21:02 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Alexandra Mirabal

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Richard Ballew [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:18:41 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Richard Ballew

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Robin Pascal [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:13:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Robin Pascal

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Tami Linder [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:15:58 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Tami Linder

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Dee Blanco [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:15:04 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

In our neighborhood we have experienced at least 2 family dogs caught in traps. As a veterinarian for almost 40 years I know there is no reason whatsoever, not in the past, not now and not in the future to use traps for any sort of animal. NO REASON WHATSOEVER!

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Sincerely,

Dee Blanco

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Neal Apple [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:13:56 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Neal Apple

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Kris Harden [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:08:58 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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New Mexico has an incredibly important resource in its wildlife and wild places. This resource should not be squandered so that individuals can profit. Rather it should be used to promote our outdoor tourist economy. Our land and wildlife is completely unique. Our weather is incredible. Our whole state can benefit from tourism dollars spent because there are more and more individuals unwilling to spend money in towns and areas that allow such terrible practices as trapping, snaring and poisoning animals. This cruelty has got to stop. Modern behavioral science of animals has discovered that mammals share all of a human's primary and many of our secondary emotions. Wildlife is a part of our state's history and it is our responsibility to protect this resource as the important asset that it is.

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Sincerely,

Kris Harden

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Rosalia Triana [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:00:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Rosalia Triana

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Elizabeth Buchen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:55:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Buchen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Jasmine Lyons [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 07:47:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Jasmine Lyons

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Laddie Mills [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:54:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping can not be supported by any rational argument, it is prohibited under the original NAMWC, and it creates an unnecessary and irresponsible public safety hazard on public lands!

Trapping only exists in New Mexico as a by product of a never ending turf battle by a ranching, hunting, and political alliance determined to demonstrate their control over wildlife management!

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Sincerely,

Laddie Mills

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Renate Rendon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:52:41 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Renate Rendon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Kay Sievers [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:46:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Kay Sievers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** john mcclure [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:45:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

john mcclure

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Roslyn Pulitzer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 07:33:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Roslyn Pulitzer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Blaine Wimberly [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 07:18:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Blaine Wimberly

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Rhonda Berger [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 07:12:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Rhonda Berger

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Rita Glasscock [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 07:01:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Rita Glasscock

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Holman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 06:42:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Susan Holman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** joel lorimer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 06:37:27 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

joel lorimer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Nancy E.Stone <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 06:29:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I have lost three household pets to poison and two more have been caught in leghold traps, and I only found them them after hearing their pitiful howls of pain. The ranchers who set traps and poison are supposed to post their land yet they rarely do. I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Nancy E. Stone

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Collette Morfin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:06:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Collette Morfin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Valerie Burgelin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 06:30:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Valerie Burgelin

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Roger Southward [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 06:29:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Roger Southward

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Valerie Cranmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 06:19:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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I retired to New Mexico to enjoy the outdoors and its wonderful, abundant wildlife. I do not want to have to worry about myself, my dogs or innocent wild animals being injured or slaughtered by any kind of trap or snare.

Sincerely,

Valerie Cranmer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** CATHERINE RADOVICH [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 05:36:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

CATHERINE RADOVICH

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Cathy Morrison [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 05:13:41 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Cathy Morrison

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Kelley Weaver <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 05:09:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Kelley Weaver

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Pat Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 05:09:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Pat Jones

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Maurice MacKey [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 05:01:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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New Mexico is one of a few states that still allow traps and snares. Most states have outlawed this cruel and out of date behavior. We banned rooster fights, make this the next barbarous activity to be banned. It serves no good purpose.

Maurice Mackey

Sincerely,

Maurice MacKey

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Kutz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:57:26 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Susan Kutz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Deborah Klaus [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:06:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Such cruelty is never acceptable. It is essential that you prohibit these inhumane practices.

Sincerely,

Deborah Klaus

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Mary Chartrain [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:47:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Mary Chartrain

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Deborah L.Hall [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:46:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Deborah L. Hall

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Linda Schmidt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:44:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Linda Schmidt

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Phyllis Golden [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:27:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Phyllis Golden

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Shirley McNall [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:28:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Shirley McNall

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Maria Aragon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:24:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Maria Aragon

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** JoAnn V.Bethel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:24:04 PM  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

JoAnn V. Bethel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Dr.Jami D.L.Hart [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:16:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Dr.Jami D. L. Hart

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Andrea Soeiro [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:15:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Andrea Soeiro

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Russo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:13:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Susan Russo

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Lynn Glasscock [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:04:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Lynn Glasscock

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** MARILYN BLOCK [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 04:07:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

MARILYN BLOCK

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Charles R Shelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 03:43:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Charles R Shelly

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Laura Watchempino [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 03:35:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Laura Watchempino

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Melissa Johnson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 03:32:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Melissa Johnson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Victoria Clemens <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 03:27:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Victoria Clemens

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Kathy Vigil <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 03:27:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Kathy Vigil

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Nancy Melin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 03:18:04 PM  
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Sincerely,

Nancy Melin

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**From:** Allison Webstet <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 03:04:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like our family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food. We as the dominant species on this planet have inherited a duty to sustainably care for or manage our wildlife, not slaughter both wild and domestic animals in this shameful fashion. I hope never to have to see a dog who has been caught in a trap for three or four days again. And a terrible death for a pet is a terrible death for other living things as well. They deserve better and so do we.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Allison Webstet

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**From:** Cynthia Edney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 03:01:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Edney

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Elizabeth Trujillo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 08:59:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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The Days are OVER when we can indulge in trapping. We cannot hold on to this same course of action anymore. Even OUR CHILDREN are Protesting because they See that OUR PLANET DYING. This takes precedence over all other special interests. New Mexico, Were Brave, Make A Stand for the Sake of Our Childrens Lives.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Trujillo

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Linda Morgan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:50:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Linda Morgan

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kester Oman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:50:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Kester Oman

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**From:** Kristal Kinzer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:49:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Kristal Kinzer

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**From:** Reba Nafey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:43:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Reba Nafey

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**From:** Ron Faich [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:27:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Ron Faich

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Laraine Ferguson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:26:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Laraine Ferguson

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Adrienne Ross [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:24:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Adrienne Ross

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**From:** Susan Buchanan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:16:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Susan Buchanan

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Christopher Roybal [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:16:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Christopher Roybal

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Eleanor Wootten [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:09:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is with a great deal of caring about how safe humans and animals are that I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger on the other hands trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even deathly being caught in these various devices to trap animals. Unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food. The latter is inhumane not to mention the danger involved.

To ban trapping in just half a percent of the state is not nearly enough. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Wootten

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dean Jarosh [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 08:50:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Dean Jarosh

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Katherine Wright [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:06:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Katherine Wright

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Gail Clark [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:02:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Gail Clark

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[REDACTED]

**From:** John Wilhelmsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:58:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

John Wilhelmsen

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**From:** Diane Georgia [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:52:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Diane Georgia

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**From:** Jeri Oliver [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:48:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Jeri Oliver

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**From:** Darry Dolan [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:38:27 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Darry Dolan

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Monica Archuleta [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:34:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Monica Archuleta

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Jan Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:31:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Jan Johnson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Kelly Wells [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 08:42:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Kelly Wells

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**From:** Donald Smith [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:21:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Donald Smith

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Roger Kulp [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:18:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Roger Kulp

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Neal Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:13:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I am against indiscriminate killing of wildlife.

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Sincerely,

Neal Jones

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Raymond Watt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:05:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Raymond Watt

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** I.Engle <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:05:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

I. Engle

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**From:** Bo Bergstrom <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:00:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Bo Bergstrom

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Diane Cook <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:00:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Shame. Shame. Shame. Support for trapping wildlife is a cruel, sordid policy that should be ended in New Mexico. Can people not be given training and learn skills to earn money in a more humane manner?

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons THROUGHOUT THE STATE. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Shame on the NM Department of Game and Fish for providing such weak leadership in promoting and protecting wildlife.

Sincerely,

Diane Cook

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Cheryl Byrd [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 08:07:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Byrd

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Gloria Hacker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:50:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Gloria Hacker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Catherine Parker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:47:17 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Catherine Parker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Maria Aragon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:35:43 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Maria Aragon

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Stephen Badger [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:37:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Stephen Badger

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**From:** Debra Denker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:46:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Debra Denker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Linda Bolton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:36:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Linda Bolton

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Elizabeth Dunham [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:23:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dunham

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Virginia Bell-Pringle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:19:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Virginia Bell-Pringle

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Rita Gugliotta [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 08:00:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Rita Gugliotta

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Connie Nowak [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:05:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Trapping is one of the cruelest ways to kill. These animals are tortured. They starve to death in tortured pain. I hope that the trappers die in the same way.

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Sincerely,

Connie Nowak

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** sara sexton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:06:27 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

sara sexton

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Caroline Hinkley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:08:20 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Carolline Hinkley

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lou Simpson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:06:29 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Lou Simpson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Mary Ann Shinnick [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:04:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Mary Ann Shinnick

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Katie Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:56:10 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Katie Johnson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Marjorie Ackerman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:01:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Marjorie Ackerman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Anna Brewer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:54:14 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Anna Brewer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Mary Brockett [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:53:32 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Mary Brockett

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Maria Gabrielle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:44:09 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Maria Gabrielle

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** David Morrison <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:31:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

David Morrison

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Ellen Barber <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:15:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares, and Poisons in NM

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I urge the New Mexico Game Commission to BAN leghold traps, wire snares, and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure what animals will step into their traps. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapping leaves animals to endure excruciating hours or days without shelter, water, or food.

Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. (The recent case of Roxy the dog is just one appalling example.) A child could just as easily be hurt or killed by these dangerous practices.

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Sincerely,

Ellen Barber

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Cynthia McNamara [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:45:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares, and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Cynthia McNamara

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** D Schmidt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:34:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.  
It is shameful how so many animals are suffering. Please let this be on your conscience if you don't stop this unnecessary cruelty.  
And the poor dog who was caught and strangled is behind awful.  
And the animals left to a slow miserable death with an iron jaw on them.  
Please make changes to help and not harm. (;

Sincerely,  
D Schmidt

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Natalie Van Leekwijck [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 06:14:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel. Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. Traps frequently maim and kill non-target animals. Along with non-target wildlife, leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs or cats.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,  
Natalie Van Leekwijck

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Alyson McMinn [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:52:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Alyson McMinn

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Abbie Ghini [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 02:04:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

It is amazing to me that trapping in any form is still condoned, considering how cruel and inhumane it is. Are we, in looking the other way or in grudgingly passing pathetically weak restrictions, implying that this sadism is acceptable in our culture? What does that say to our children? Will they generalize and say: because we have the ability to hurt another creature, or wantonly take its life, then should we just go ahead and do it? This is, in effect, an extreme kind of bullying, when we abuse and torture creatures just because we can.

We need to set the example for generations to come and treat our planet and our fellow creatures who share it with us with kindness, respect, and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Abbie Ghini

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sharon Bice [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 01:08:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

We are on the trails over 5x per week either with horses or mountain bikes. For many years we hiked them with kids who went off trail more than they were on. I can't believe that this is allowed in our state and that we didn't end up with a hurt child or dog. Please end traps in New Mexico, it is cruel and unsafe for our land. Thank you for listening - the Bice family, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sincerely,  
Sharon Bice  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** goose feeders [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:40:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Especially for the citizens who live in rural areas and love to walk and hike and camp with our dogs. safety from traps is so important. There are surely easier and kinder ways to manage wild animal population and to protect our beloved companions and ourselves. Look into the eyes of your family and friends, your pets, and all live beings and choose compassion.

Sincerely,  
goose feeders

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Tina Baker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:45:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It's wrong n others can get hurt n kids too. Plz just take it out completely cause no one should go threw that kind of pain n suffering a slow death such as that!!! Put urself in that trap n c how u would like it!! Also we need to b protecting our wild life not killing them off to distinction!

Sincerely,  
Tina Baker

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jo Ann Sullivan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 12:40:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. On public land they are unnecessary and disastrous for wildlife, pets and walkers . They encourage violent, murderous behavior that may become harmful to society.  
I object to my taxes being used to support this harmful trapping policy .

Sincerely,  
Jo Ann Sullivan

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Anne Montarou [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:21:19 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Anne Montarou

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jennifer Endonino [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 08:40:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I feel New Mexico is stuck looking backwards. Why are you afraid to look toward the future? Antiquated laws regarding trapping are only hurting New Mexico.

The state of New Mexico could be great if the law makers would stop hiding behind the past.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Endonino

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Elaine Stachera [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 01:05:37 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban trapping.

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the State of New Mexico Game Commission:

I vehemently oppose any form of trapping on public land (or any land, for that matter).

I understand that rules that govern commercial and recreational trapping is coming under review, and that some of the proposed changes go backwards (e.g., increasing check times for traps and extending trapping seasons).

Why are certain individuals are allowed to kill and make money off of the animals on public lands? Besides the fact that a trap is an extraordinarily cruel device that captures indiscriminately, I spend money in New Mexico going to wild places to see bobcat and fox and birds and other creatures—money that goes to the economy of the areas I visit via hotels, food, and gas. I am far from alone.

How does a trapper know he will not catch a cougar or a porcupine or a hawk? Or an endangered species? What about companion dogs? Clearly, as we have all seen in the news, this happens.

The fact that trapping is still an issue is sad in itself. Trapping has nothing to do with the "Western" way of life, as some like to bellow. It has to do with the fact that capturing any one of Earth's/God's/Higher Power's creatures in a steel-jaw device or snaring it underwater until it is dead is simply, unjustifiably cruel. I can't believe that any Higher Power would think this is a good way for a creature to die.

I know that I, along with the 69% majority of New Mexicans (as noted in the *Albuquerque Journal*) do not think trapping is a good thing. It needs to be stopped.

Respectfully,  
Elaine Stachera Simon  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marc van de Waarsenburg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:24:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Marc van de Waarsenburg

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**From:** Franziska Eber <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:08:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Franziska Eber

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** John Wilks <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:56:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

John Wilks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Robbie Hacha <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:47:48 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Robbie Hacha

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Kathy Corbin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:16:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Kathy Corbin

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Teri Micco <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 01:02:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Teri Micco

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mary Bowlby <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:04:46 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Mary Bowlby

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Anne Montarou [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:34:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Anne Montarou

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Annette Ahlander [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:21:24 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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P. S.: I just sent a rather pointed response to your callous regard for Roxy, the dog caught in a snare in Espanola (she died), and her killer, the man who set the vile trap on our public land, being let go with barely a slap on the wrist, though New Mexico law clearly states that this is a prosecutorial offense deserving of full enforcement, including jail or prison time. How dare you. Read my response, and read it well. It doesn't make you look very good.

Sincerely,

Annette Ahlander

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** judy devine [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:31:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

judy devine

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Brittany Buckingham <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 12:35:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Brittany Buckingham

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Erika Wanenmacher [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:55:13 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Erika Wanenmacher

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Jodi Igard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:52:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Jodi Igard

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Maria Schneider [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 12:05:38 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Maria Schneider

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** theo de wert [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 10:57:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

theo de wert

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Antoinette Gonzales [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 09:45:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Antoinette Gonzales

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Nan Sauer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 09:36:26 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Nan Sauer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Raleigh Koritz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 09:02:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Raleigh Koritz

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** LánéSaán Moonwalker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 08:31:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

LánéSaán Moonwalker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Caitlin Osepchuk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 01:53:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Caitlin Osepchuk

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Charlotte Spencer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 06:34:41 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Charlotte Spencer

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Karen Milstein <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 05:29:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Karen Milstein

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Hodge Jones [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 04:53:55 PM  
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Sincerely,

Hodge Jones

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Clay Woody [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 04:40:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE: It's way past time to stop treating the other animals of the planet so cruelly. Some people, it seems, will not be satisfied until every wild species of animal and plant is driven to extinction. Why? Usually because of inconvenience and money. A sad testimony to mankind.

Sincerely,

Clay Woody

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Elke Eggers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 04:03:43 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Elke Eggers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Michael Crews [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 03:30:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Michael Crews

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Kate Kenner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 03:28:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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-----Traps should never be used for any animal. The pain and suffering they feel is no less than any human would feel. to think otherwise is cruel, human centric, and entitled.. Just because it may be legal to use them does not mean it is right.-----

Sincerely,

Kate Kenner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Lem Powers [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 03:16:25 PM  
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Sincerely,

Lem Powers

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Katherine Blagden <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 03:14:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Katherine Blagden

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Patricia Callaway [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 03:13:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Patricia Callaway

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Annaleah Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 01:27:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Annaleah Brown

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Elisabeth Bechmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 01:09:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Elisabeth Bechmann

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Maura Chazin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 02:10:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Maura Chazin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Dr.Malcolm Macapherson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 11:35:29 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Im a scientist living in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Since retiring, Ive become interested in ecology and the return of some of our native ecosystems to reasonable natural function.

I am against trapping.

When I was a kid in high school in Connecticut, I ran a trap line for several years to earn money. I trapped muskrats, but one day I caught a beaver. It was alive. Beavers were protected, so I ran home (about ½ a mile), got 2 heavy pliers, ran back and set the beaver free. So, I learned the hard way that trapping and snaring are extremely inhumane practices. I am ashamed of my high school trapping.

I now believe that animal trapping is unethical and immoral.

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Dr. Malcolm Macapherson

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**From:** Val Talento <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 11:31:10 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Val Talento

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**From:** William Crafts [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 11:29:04 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

William Crafts

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** David Aldridge [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 11:18:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

David Aldridge

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Chad Hairston [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 11:11:06 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Chad Hairston

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Diane LaFrance [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 02:28:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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THIS OUTDATED, CRUEL AND INHUMANE PRACTICE SHOULD BE STOPPED.

Sincerely,

Diane LaFrance

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Linda Bailly [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 10:19:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Linda Bailly

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sudeshna Ghosh [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 10:14:16 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Sudeshna Ghosh

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Luciano Graniello [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 09:53:34 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Luciano Graniello

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Sean Corbin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 09:42:21 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Sean Corbin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** John And Carolyn Wilson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 09:35:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Just "because we have always done it this way" is not a good basis for making a decision about resources that we all share.

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Sincerely,

John And Carolyn Wilson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Cassandra Gaines [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 08:44:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Cassandra Gaines

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Pat Buls [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 08:33:15 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Pat Buls

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Edmund McWilliams [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 08:03:10 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I live in a small plot of land surrounded on two sides by national forest. I chose this NM location because of my love for wilderness and its inhabitants. I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Edmund McWilliams

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Elaine Rupert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 02:50:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Elaine Rupert

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Brigitte Coloos [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 07:38:21 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Brigitte Coloos

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Lisa Goldman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 07:10:24 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Lisa Goldman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Dawn Foster [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 05:48:16 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I am an avid outdoors woman who often uses public land to recreate. It seems only natural, that NM, with it's focus on outdoor recreation as an economic driver, should be trying to sustain it's wildlife populations for all, rather than for a minority.

As such, I am requesting that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Dawn Foster

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Dylan Shaw <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 05:46:25 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Dylan Shaw

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Steven Rosenberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 05:38:38 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Steven Rosenberg

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** Caroline Sévilla [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 04:52:28 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Caroline Sévilla

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Mickey V.Brussel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 04:19:05 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Mickey V. Brussel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Alan Carson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 01:10:51 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Alan Carson

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Thomas Talbot [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 12:51:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I seem to find myself with heavy time restraints, so I have realized I must utilize a message already written. Although I'm only able to write an introductory paragraph, I agree one hundred percent with what is stated below, and ask that the words be read and taken as if I'd written all of it myself.

We request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Thomas Talbot

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Joyce Leavitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 12:32:21 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Joyce Leavitt

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Cloud King [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 12:32:07 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is inhumane and can't predict what will step into the trap. Even a human child can be caught and killed. These animals deserve better than they are getting from humans. Poison is reprehensible, unnecessary, and can kill anything that gets into it. It also makes any animals that eat it unfit to be eaten themselves, which is the only reason one should ever be killed in the first place.

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Sincerely,

Cloud King

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Stacy Sabol <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 12:15:21 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Stacy Sabol

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Katherine Norman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:59:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Katherine Norman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Bernard Cullen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:36:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support and spare the life of my youngsters and dogs.

Sincerely,

Bernard Cullen

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Ed Baker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:33:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death with trapping. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days of pain and suffering.

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Sincerely,

Ed Baker

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Amanda Graham [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:28:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Amanda Graham

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol Quick [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:21:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Carol Quick

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Allison Gentile <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 10:26:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

We need to acknowledge the raw cruelty we inflict on animals when we use traps, snares, and poisons. These sadistic practices aren't necessary. I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Allison Gentile

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol And Richard Martin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 10:09:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

As the US population increases it becomes more important to save the open spaces that are set aside. There must be predators to keep in check rats and mice. The unnecessary brutal and horrific death of animals is uncalled for. Trapping is totally for people who do not care about a life and have no feelings for family. Stop trapping - you have the power - there is too much suffering in this world.

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Carol And Richard Martin

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carmen Martinez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:56:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Carmen Martinez

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**From:** Elizabeth Morales [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:33:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Morales

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sharon Mann [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:22:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Sharon Mann

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**From:** Marcela Medina [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:26:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Marcela Medina

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**From:** Jeffrey Hanus [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 11:42:14 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hanus

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**From:** Rebecca Procter [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 04:38:20 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please, NO More Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

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It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Procter

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**From:** Robert McCorkle [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 02:43:34 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF

**Subject:** [EXT] State trapping laws

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Surely the time has come for New Mexico to move into the 21st century where commercial and recreational trapping are concerned.

This isn't the 19th century and I can see no rational reason for the continuance of trapping of furbearing animals in the Land of Enchantment. Too many unintended species ends up losing their lives, some of them are species that we can't afford to lose.

As a retired 20-year veteran of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, I urge the commission to tighten restrictions related to trapping or do away with trapping in New Mexico altogether.

Thank you.

Robert McCorkle  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Susan Aragaki [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 09:25:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Teach humane treatment of animals for a civilized society

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Cruelty begets cruelty and is morally wrong.

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Susan Aragaki

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**From:** Gloria L Hacker [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 01:32:34 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping on Public lands

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Attn: Game Commissioners, I am concerned about the plight of wildlife & even our canine companions caught inadvertently in traps set out to capture fur bearing animals, such as bobcats, fox, & badgers. These traps set out to capture animals for the commercial fur industry also entrap & cause much pain, suffering & death to other creatures, some of them endangered, caught by mistake in these traps. These traps have no place anywhere on our public lands. I hope that as you review the rules governing commercial & recreational trapping you will rule in favor of wildlife protection & public safety. Thank You, Gloria L Hacker

**From:** Annette Ahlander <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:42:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I recently sent you comments about the insufferable cruelty of trapping, snaring, and poisoning inflicted not only on wild but domestic animals here in New Mexico; apparently my comments went in one ear and out the other. I suppose if a three-year old child were caught in one of these neck snares you wouldn't be so blase about it . . . or would you? I am more than angry that you dropped the charges against Roxy's killer: I am LIVID. I'd love to try to reason with you as to why we should end these horrific practices that make New Mexico look like we've been plunged back into the Dark Ages, but I doubt it would do any good. If you'd listen to your hearts and your conscience instead of ranchers, hunters, and the almighty dollar, this could never happen again. I've fought against vicious steel-jaw traps for almost 50 years . . . with painfully no relief in sight. Do you think that animals have no feeling? That's what it looks like to me. BTW, it is the duty and the OBLIGATION of the State of New Mexico to UPHOLD its anti-animal cruelty laws punishable by arrest, fines, and even prison time, should it come to that, but you "bloody" let the man off the hook. Seems that Donald Trump isn't the only one getting away with breaking the law.

Sincerely,  
Annette Ahlander

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Cory Sites [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:34:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Let's ban this practice for good!

Sincerely,  
Cory Sites

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Raleigh Koritz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 12:05:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Raleigh Koritz

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Maryann Staron [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 04:41:26 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Maryann Staron

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jane Calvert Love [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 03:03:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. When my husband and I hike on public land with our dogs, our experience is diminished by the constant fear that one of us will encounter a leghold trap. Most likely it will be our dog because traps are baited to lure animals. Traps are indiscriminate and unimaginably cruel. Trapping is a very selfish act, allowing one individual to kill the native wildlife that most New Mexicans want to protect and only photograph when we visit their forest homes.

Sincerely,  
Jane Calvert Love

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Debra Curci [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 01:51:43 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a human being, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public and private land.

Trapping is barbaric, it serves no purpose, and frequently other animals are caught in them. It is archaic and I implore you to ban trapping now.

Sincerely,  
Debra Curci

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jackie Johnston <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 02:03:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. These traps are cruel and indiscriminate.

Trapping a live animal and leaving him/her for hours to either suffer or die is extraordinarily cruel. I once came upon a dead fox in a trap. The look on that poor animal's face is something I will never forget. The fear that fox endured was beyond horrible.

These traps and snares are also indiscriminate. They trap anything that ventures near it. It can trap animals on the endangered species list or our beloved pets. I have had friends whose dogs have been trapped. Some of them suffered grievous injuries as a result.

The public lands that we all share attract many visitors from within our state and beyond. Tourism is a very lucrative industry for our state. Traveling with dogs is getting more and more popular. Not knowing if your dog is going to be maimed or killed in a trap does not encourage use of public lands by tourists. Neighboring states do not have as many traps lying in wait to trap an unsuspecting animal.

Please ban traps and snares on all public lands to avoid the cruelty for all animals, both wild and domestic. The only people benefitting from current trapping regulations are trappers who pay a minimal fee and sell the pelts for several hundred dollars each.

Let's have New Mexico be known as an animal friendly state.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Johnston

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jane Carson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 01:17:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are barbaric and keep us in the dark ages. Let's lift the light and say no to trappers.

Sincerely,  
Jane Carson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Marcia Kellam [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 12:56:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my absolute opposition to unethical, cruel traps and snares on our public lands. Animals have feelings and nerve endings, too! Imagine yourself or someone you love becoming ensnared in one of these disgusting devices--the pain, the shock, the fear and panic, and the inability to escape, dying a slow and painful death. It's HIGH time to treat our wild (and domestic) animals as sentient beings. Those who support this kind of unnecessary cruelty are guilty of unconscionable neglect and murder.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Kellam

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Ivan Fuentes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 12:41:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Ivan Fuentes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Budd Berkman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 12:58:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Charges dropped on that poor dog's strangulation death by an unlawful trapper? The trapping business is ridiculous in this state.

New Mexico acts like a 3rd world country when it comes to this issue. We need to ban all traps, snares, and poisons on public land. These lands belong to all of us and we can't take our dogs out for a hike?

Please do what you can to ban this 19th century activity. Our pets and our wildlife are worth much more to us alive than dead.

Thank you,  
Budd Berkman

Sincerely,  
Budd Berkman

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**From:** melody mccormick [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 12:39:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. As a citizen who hikes and has family members who explore these lands which belong to all of us I am expressing my opposition to these indiscriminate snares and traps. As a citizen with pets and who rides the public lands I am writing to oppose these snares and traps.

If you have experienced losing a pet to one of these hidden and often illegally planted snares and/or traps you will know they are diabolical and cruel. If you have seen the mummified remains of native animals which have been caught and then discarded because the trappers did not check the traps you would feel the disgust in which these people and these trap/snares are held. If you have ridden and had a horse inadvertently trigger one of the trap/snares and either become spooked, tangled, or injured on our public lands you would see these snare/traps should be outlawed. In this day and age we should be protecting our wildlife and our domestic animals. There is little excuse for the accidental killing of protected animals in order to make some extra money. We are no longer a society which lives by eating or surviving on trapped and snared animals. Trapping /snaring is a cruel and inhumane way for small private profit at our expense.

This needs to be outlawed immediately and stringent punishments imposed on the perpetrators.

This is a disgusting and inhumane as well as indiscriminate and cowardly distance killing. No traps of any size, no snares, no more of this cruelty in our state. These killing machines are dangerous to wildlife, to domestic animals, and to humans even in the most remote areas.

Meloy McCormick

Sincerely,  
melody mccormick

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** GABRIELA VARGAS [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 11:22:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
GABRIELA VARGAS

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Virginia Bell-Pringle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 11:14:34 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I am concerned for all of the animals for which these traps are not intended. I am concerned about my dog getting loose on a hike and being killed or maimed. These methods do not discriminate.

I just spent my life savings to move to Santa Fe to enjoy nature and public lands. These traps ruin any sense of peace and calm as they are barbaric killing devices and now I have to worry about myself or my pet being injured.

The majority of people in the state would benefit from banning these traps.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Virginia Bell-Pringle

Sincerely,  
Virginia Bell-Pringle  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Rin Porter [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 10:57:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As an American, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps are cruel, subjecting trapped animals to pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, self-amputation, emotional trauma, and ultimately death. Any of these conditions observed in a "Pet" cat, dog, or horse would lead to criminal prosecution by local law enforcement authorities. So why are these conditions considered OK for wildlife? It's wrong.

Traps are indiscriminate. They frequently aim and kill non-target animals in New Mexico, as well as in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and other states that allow trapping.

Traps are a public safety hazard. Leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs and cats in nearly every county in New Mexico.

Traps drain native wildlife populations for private profit. Wildlife belong to ALL of us, not just to trappers and hunters. Trappers can kill as many animals as they want. This is a very poor use of resources that belong to ALL of us.

Sincerely,  
Rin Porter

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sandra Materi [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 10:57:13 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is unbelievably cruel. Please stop all trapping and show the world you are a leader in compassion.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Materi

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Melissa Amarello [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 10:30:13 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. The proposed changes are too weak to make any meaningful difference to the safety of our public lands and the integrity of our ecosystem—in fact, some proposals could actually make trapping worse. Here are just a few reasons why we need SIGNIFICANT changes to state trapping rules—ones that will stop profit-driven private trapping on public lands, and keep our communities safe.

Traps are cruel: Trapped animals are subject to prolonged pain, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, predation, dislocation, self-amputation, and emotional trauma. It is not uncommon for leghold traps to be found with only a paw/foot left in them. The survival of these trap victims is unlikely.

Traps are indiscriminate: Traps frequently maim and kill non-target animals and there are many such instances across the state, including endangered Mexican gray wolves, federally protected owls, and mountain lions.

Traps are a public safety hazard: Along with non-target wildlife, leghold traps have injured and killed domestic dogs or cats in nearly every county in New Mexico. Last year at least two dogs (Roxy and Ranger) were killed by traps in the state and a handful more were injured (Kekoa was among multiple dogs that lost a leg). Data from reported incidents on public lands show that traps threaten all New Mexicans and their companion animals, not just those who recreate near populated areas of the state.

Trapping is a drain on native wildlife populations for private profit: For only \$20 (\$9 for juniors), a trapper is given free rein to wreak havoc on native furbearer populations. There are no bag limits for furbearers in New Mexico and any trapper can kill as many animals as he wants—selling the pelts, depending on the species, for up to several hundred dollars each, profiting off the wildlife held in trust for all New Mexicans.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Amarello

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Liz Scollard <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 09:16:32 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Public land should allow me to walk my pet safely without worrying if he may not come back alive. I am begging you to please take a look at what this is doing and how much pain it continues to cause.

Commissioner Vesbach, please know you can make this change. Make it possible for us to walk our beloved pets in a safe public land. Thank you for your time.

Liz Scollard

Sincerely,  
Liz Scollard

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Inge Bjorkman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 02:59:25 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Inge Bjorkman

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Laurelle Danton DVM [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/19/2019 01:41:10 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. For 35 years, as a veterinarian, I have treated and tried to save animals caught in devastating, painful leg traps. The trap that killed Roxie, as her owner desperately tried to save her, is the cruelest trap ever invented! One poor dog I treated had TWO legs in a trap, which I was able to treat, and he was able to walk, with difficulty, but alas his two normal legs could not take the stress and strain, and he has to be euthanized! My heart broke for the owner, the dog, and my daughter [who worked for me and helped me, at the tender age of 16], and for myself, because there was nothing else I could do. I would have had to remove one of the legs, and as you can imagine, no dog can walk on one leg! This was a working ranch dog, and he certainly didn't deserve to die in such cruel pain and suffering!  
**PLEASE CHANGE THE LAW AND PREVENT THESE NEEDLESS DEATHS.....EVEN FOR OUR WILDLIFE!**

Sincerely,  
Laurelle Danton DVM

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Terrie Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 10:07:22 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Any public land. They are a horrifying, torturous devise that produces maximum pain and suffering to a helpless animal before death.

Traps and snares are a tool used in the trapping and fur industries that is NO LONGER NEEDED OR NECESSARY in our modern times.

Please get rid of them once and for all.

Sincerely,  
Terrie Williams

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Krista Garcia [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/18/2019 11:10:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It's inhumane and wrong.

Sincerely,  
Krista Garcia

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sandra Garriott-Stejskal [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 01:23:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

There is no excuse for traps, snares, and poisons to be on public lands where hikers, tourists, and children and pets, and non targeted wild life get injured or die from being caught by these cruel trapping and killing practices. How many more photos must we see of these animals suffering alone in the wild. Please make changes to prevent these horrible trapping policies. Thank you for your consideration to this matter. New Mexico needs stronger anti-trapping regulations and consequences for people who put so many animals, pets, and people at risk for suffering horrific injuries and slow deaths.

Sincerely, Sandra Garriott-Stejskal.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Garriott-Stejskal

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Charles Clements [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 02:29:46 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Traps on public lands

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Having grown up in the Rocky Mountains, I'm pretty familiar with various kinds of traps. None of them have any intelligence. All trap whatever triggers the trap; all animals and humans can trigger them. Public lands are called that because they are open to the public. Hence any traps on public lands are a public hazard. They kill, maim or hold the victim so that they are helpless against a predator. To use them is at the very least criminal assault. At the worst the use is homicide. Traps should only used on private lands and those lands should be fenced and marked thoroughly.

Please eliminate the use of traps on public lands. If a person makes his living from trapping, he should do it like the rest of us: he should present on site while he/she is working! We do not allow the random use of public lands for business enterprise; trapping is a business enterprise.

Thanks for your time.

Charles Clements

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**From:** joan woodruff [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:16:26 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Greetings. I have a small ranch in the Abo, New Mexico area. Traps left on nearby BLM properties have caused disastrous suffering to both domestic pets (dogs and cats), legal grazing animals and wildlife. In years past a friend lost a calf to a trap. I have had deer dragging bleeding stumps through snow, last year had a cat who dragged himself home with bleeding crushed remainder of his leg. He survived, the vet bill was well over 1000 dollars, and he lost shoulder and leg. Have had neighbors lose dogs who were caught in traps. Ten years ago my neighbors helped me capture an emaciated bob cat who was still dragging the trap. The bob cat had to be killed, it was both emaciated and had gangrene. These are disastrous endings to innocent animals. Please ban these traps. Traps are tools of cruelty. We are better than this.

Joan Leslie Woodruff

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**From:** Stephanie Kaylan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:28:00 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I am writing to you all once again because there was a problem with the original link.

You cannot fault me for being passionate.

Waaaay too many innocent ones (including adults, CHILDREN & ALL animals) are caught by these traps.

It MUST stop & HAS TO STOP -----NOW! Period.

I am so sick & tired of humans turning their hearts & heads away from the situations, sweeping them under the rug.

Well,.....there are too many "lumps under the rugs" now.

We can all see this.

The "lumps" cannot be hidden anymore.

Why don't you all show this state, this country & the WORLD that New Mexico CAN & DO make & create positive actions that can help us ALL for the better!

Thank you

SGMKJ

**From:** Carl Hansen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:35:05 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Commissioner's,

Its time to completely ban the use of Leg Hold traps on all public lands, they cause undue pain and suffering for wild animals, pets and potentially people. There are non lethal ways to deal with nuisance animals.

Massachusetts banned the leg hold trap on all lands back in 1997 and the law still stands, that's 22 years ago.

Thank you for this consideration,

Carl Hansen

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**From:** Elsie Sandford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:27:40 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I read about the set of changes you are considering for trapping in New Mexico. I see that you don't understand the wishes of New Mexicans. The minor changes you are entertaining are inadequate to protect our public lands, trails, roads and places where the we New Mexicans frequently access for daily use or pleasure.

We don't want or need trapping on public lands, trails or roads. There should be no year-round seasons for any animals in New Mexico, and where traps are allowed, there must be frequent, at least daily, checking of the traps. If trappers can't abide these reasonable limits, they should not be allowed to trap at all.

All New Mexicans have a right to enjoy our public access places free of the danger of traps to our children, our pets, and ourselves. These rights should always come before any 'right' of those that intend to trap animals for personal gain. Public lands are for public use. Trapping is not in any way in the interest of the public.

Thank you for your reconsideration on these issues.

Sincerely,

Elsie Sandford

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**From:** Wendy Keller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:34:11 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please ban all trapping in New Mexico. A trap cannot distinguish a rabbit from a human from a family pet dog. Stop this dangerous practice. And please ban the use of snares for the same reasons. We must have safe access to all our public lands without the fear of being injured by a trap or snare.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Isolde Wait [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:20:18 AM  
**To:** isoldewait@q.com; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Good morning!

I am asking the NM Game Commission to ban trapping on ALL of our public lands. You must know that traps are cruel, inhumane and indiscriminate. I am asking the Commission to not give in to a minority of

people and special interest groups even though I am told that you get paid by using trapping fees. I believe you could do better by asking the legislature to fund your agency.

People in America do NOT wear fur and this country does not need to export fur but be a frontrunner against animal cruelty.

Ban ALL traps on OUR public lands! Thank you. Taxpayer Isolde Wait.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** kathleen matta <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:10:37 AM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd07.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tiztio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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?Public lands belong to the public. That would be me. Trapping is an unsafe activity on "public" lands. Anyone or any animal can

be caught in a trap. UNSAFE!! The majority of New Mexicans oppose trapping on "public" lands. You represent "we the people"

of New Mexico. Please represent the majority regarding trapping! Please support our environment!

## The Troubles with Public Lands Trapping

Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.

Trapping is a **drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Thank you.

Kathleen Matta

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**From:** Ursula Freer [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:29:47 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please help stop this cruel and inhumane practice!

NM should be an example to all!

Ursula Freer  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sarah Grant [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:47:39 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear Game Commissioners,

I vote and I oppose public lands animal trapping. If animals are trapped and not found quickly, they suffer a painful, long death. I would not knowingly wish that on anyone. Would you?

Thanks for considering the advantages of a ban on animal trapping. It will serve us and our animal friends.

Thank-you.

Sarah Grant

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**From:** karen lunt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:52:15 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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A complete ban on trapping is what your citizens want. Why is New Mexico so far behind the other states in ethical legislation?! Please do the right thing. sincerely Karen Lunt

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Fred Weinhagen [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:52:07 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I am one of those who began opposing trapping in the early nineties. I still believe that the time is long past to abolish this practice. Our wildlife, our pets, hikers, etc. would all benefit.

This is a cruel and unnecessary method of killing. For what purpose?

Please begin to slowly phase out this practice.

Dianne Maughan  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Leslie Dimmick <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:20:04 AM

**To:** Joanna.Prokop@state.nm.us; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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-257 ? Dear Madams and Sirs:

In a world where human behavior has contributed to rapid decline (near 50% since 1970) of wildlife, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects do we really need to support another cruel method of slaughter inherent in their extinction? The vast majority of your constituents cherish these living creatures, please know our hearts and minds and do not pander to the few vociferous relics whose idea of fun is indiscriminate torture and prolonged death. Ban trapping. It is the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Leslie R. Dimmick  
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**From:** Deborah Stark <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:25:48 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban all traps from our lands. The use of these primitive, cruel devices should be a thing of history. There is no need for them or necessary function in today's world. They are agents of cruelty and suffering for any and all that are caught, including domestic animals. We absolutely should be above the use of this archaic device.

Please make it illegal and ban the use! Help us to step forward into the 21st century with greater compassion and awareness.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Stark

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**From:** Phyllis Dorough [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:01:09 AM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please, please get these barbaric traps barred from NM Public Lands. Hopefully barred everywhere.

Phyllis Dorough

**From:** Leah Gibbons [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:29:49 AM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd02.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I hike often on public lands with my dog and my grandchildren. Please protect them from getting caught in one of these inhumane traps. And save our precious wildlife from torturous deaths.

Thank you.

Leah Gibbons

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:29:35 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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We are writing to urge a complete statewide ban on traps in New Mexico. The danger to children, hikers and their dogs is growing exponentially as the state's populations grow and access to our beautiful nature trails and wilderness is increasing. The State is positioning its tourism marketing efforts to promote our natural beauty as a recreational treasure. Their marketing efforts surely do not include a warning that traps set along hiking, biking and walking trails are as able to maim a wild animal as they are a child. Basta! it is time to stop this antiquated cruelty and understand that our natural parks and lands are there for all.

Thank you  
Claudia and Dwight Miller

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**From:** JOYCE COUSINO [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:21:16 AM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd19.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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To all of you,

Please ban all leg hold traps in New Mexico, it is the meanest, most inhumane way to kill a little animal. Sometimes peoples pets get caught up in them too , I do not understand how you can condone this severe cruelty.

Sincerely,, Joyce Cousino  
[REDACTED] New Mexico.



**From:** Jon Klingel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 01:35:52 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Joanna and Roberta,

Hope this finds you well.

In my opinion, it is long past time to get traps and snares off public land in New Mexico. The State has changed a lot during the past many decades, in terms of the number of people using public lands and the way they use it. Trapping on public land is no longer compatible.

Thanks,

Jon Klingel

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**From:** Nancy Stratton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 08:29:29 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to take much stronger action in connection with trapping in NM. The proposal being considered by the Commission is totally inadequate. I, like over 70 percent of New Mexicans, opposed trapping entirely. It is indescribably cruel, indiscriminate, and a danger to hikers and their dogs like myself. We should no longer tolerate these archaic means of killing, *especially* on our public lands.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Sincerely, Nancy Stratton.

**From:** Gloria Graeber [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 08:15:31 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban these traps! This is a horrible experience for any animal to suffer. I've rescued cats that have lost a limb in these traps that should never have been placed.

Please do the right thing and ban them for good! Please!

*Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android device*

**From:** Denise <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 08:04:49 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban all trapping in new Mexico. It is cruel and unnecessary.

Since 70% of New Mexicans support a ban on trapping, why in the world would you allow this to continue?

Stop trapping NOW

Denise Jones

**From:** Puma Roja [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:54:54 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I oppose trapping on public lands for more than one reason.

First, it endangers children and small animals, including pets, that are not the target species. Some trappers have been shown to be irresponsible about where they place the traps, and injure or kill apparently carelessly.

Secondly, it is a use of public lands by a Very small special interest group, in a way not approved, and even abhorred , by us, the public, the landowners.

Third, there seems to be little or no oversight on trappers, nor is it practical, or economical. They do what they want, where they want. it seems. Let them do it on non-public land. At least less harm will be done to our publicly managed game and fur bearers.

Fourth, I have not seen a trap that is not cruel, killing an animal slowly, painfully. This is especially true, since it seems that trappers do Not check their trap lines daily. Why should the public lands provide a space for That? Every survey I have seen says the great majority of the public are appalled at this.

By the way, we are both fisherman, and have hunted.

Sincerely,

Robert and Donna Royer

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**From:** Susan Busch [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 01:33:44 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
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Please outlaw all trapping on public lands. I was raised in New Mexico and have been hiking in the forests my whole life. Now my children and grandchildren continue to hike the forests. We dont always stay on the trails but wander in the woods. It scares me to think that trapping is allowed to exist. Im not against hunting but trapping is randomly dangerous. No control over who is affected.

Please stop this from happening. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Susan Busch

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 01:15:21 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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As a person who uses the outdoors and a business owner of mobile grooming company I have seen first hand what these barbaric traps do to our precious

wildlife and our irreplaceable pets. will you only take action after a child is caught in one don't wait til then.

As elected officials you need to ban these traps the majority should rule these barbaric practices are outdated and no longer necessary just

because our ancestors did dose not mean it is in any way a religious right or a cultural right. JUST BECAUSE WE CAN DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD !!

PLEASE BAN TRAPPING SAVE OUR WILDLIFE AND MAKE OUR LANDS SAFE TO USE FOR EVERYONE.

**From:** pamela morgan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 12:25:58 PM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd18.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please make our public lands safe for our dogs. Please have stricter rules.

thank you,  
Pamela Morgan



**From:** Yamuna Landsberg [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 12:14:57 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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- To Whom It May Concern
- Please consider the following points
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- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
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Thank You for your time

Yamuna Landsberg

**From:** Diane Stayner [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 12:14:32 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Hello,

Please do what you can to decrease trapping. It is a horrible way to die just fir being the way God made you.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Diane Stayner RN

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**From:** Sheila ter Bruggen [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:49:33 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I spend a lot of time hiking New Mexico's wilderness and other public lands areas with my dogs. I am really tired of having to fear them or me stepping into a trap and losing a limb. For what? Tradition? Please stop this nightmare for 99% of the population, only to appease the 1% that is politically connected. We are sick of our dogs dying!!!

How long until a child loses a leg?

Is that what you're all waiting for?

Sheila ter Bruggen  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Diana Zelnio <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 03:11:40 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd18.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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**From:** Irene Dorman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 05:05:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Irene Dorman

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**From:** Deborah Nesbitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 05:00:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Sincerely,

Deborah Nesbitt

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:23:18 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Fwd: furbearer rule

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Subject: furbearer rule

Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2019 10:19:16 -0600

From: [REDACTED]

To: dgf-furbearer-rules@state.nm.us

I would like to make the following comments regarding the proposed furbearer rule.

First, it is extremely difficult to comment on a draft rule when the rule is not provided and just some general summary comments are.

Setbacks regarding occupied dwellings, roadside rest areas, roadside picnic areas need to exempt landowners and their agents on private property.

Rule needs to allow landowners ability to designate agent to trap on private property regarding setbacks (does not currently do so).

Additional proposed closure areas in Sandias and Organs need to continue to allow use of cage and foot encapsulating (dog proof) traps.

I oppose proposal to allow Director to set one year bag limit.

Populations can fluctuate due to disease and weather but just like small game, harvest intensity is self limiting based on population levels. We don't set annual bag limits on game bird or small game species every year due to annual fluctuations.

I oppose year round raccoon season of any type. Season should be concurrent with beaver and muskrat seasons and no pursuit season. Depredation issues need be handled just as Department says other species would be.

Summary wording regarding water set foothold size limits would cause limitation to not apply to 8" and 12" traps only those in "between".

Visual electronic check of land sets needs to be legal to fulfill agent requirement. This is 21st century and technology is available. Often used by State wildlife agencies now. Would allow for 24 hour monitoring.

Extend trap check requirement on lethal water sets (defined as submersion sets in BMPs) to every other calendar day.

Allow trapping on state wildlife management areas where appropriate to fulfill management needs.

Require bobcat pelts to be tagged by end of license year (March 31) Will eliminate potential poaching window of opportunity. Still gives 16 days after season to tag.

Department needs to request and have provision for reporting of unprotected furbearers (i.e. coyotes, skunks, opossums) to track harvest and determine any range expansion or occurrences on annual harvest report.

Department needs to determine extent of current and proposed closure areas in state. Significant areas are currently closed due to ownership of policy of managing agencies now plus Department restrictions. Basic information to properly evaluate impact of proposals.



Setbacks are contradictory in that Department rules allow for firearm discharge within 150 yards of occupied dwellings and no restrictions from picnic areas, rest areas, trails, trailheads, boat launch areas etc. This can be a real safety issue versus setting a legal trap. No logic.

David Heft

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**From:** Daisy Kates [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 03:26:50 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] No trapping on public lands in NM

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Hello,

I hope you will consider public comments on this important issue. Trapping on public lands puts the public and their domestic animals at risk and is cruel and indiscriminate to wildlife.

Closing .5% of NM Public Lands to traps is not enough. And setbacks to ALL trails and roads need to be protected from traps.

I believe that there should be NO trapping allowed on NM Public Lands.

Thank you,

Daisy Kates

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**From:** Donna Koechner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 02:29:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Donna Koechner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Michael Crews [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:22:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Michael Crews

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**From:** R.Alan Maurer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:06:05 AM  
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R. Alan Maurer

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**From:** Laurie Magill [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:57:09 AM  
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Sincerely,

Laurie Magill

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**From:** Andrew Lieuwen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:55:03 AM  
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**From:** Brittany Gutierrez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 02:44:24 PM  
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Brittany Gutierrez

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**From:** Thesmophoros <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 05:37:12 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Public Lands Trapping, please ban all trapping now!

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Sincerely:

Maria Schneider

**From:** Sau Sang <[REDACTED]m>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:05:19 AM

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Sincerely:  
Dr. Elisabeth Bechmann  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Charlotte Lipson [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:37:28 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Strengthen trapping rules

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Charlotte Lipson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sharon Smock [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 03:33:44 PM  
**To:** Charlotte Lipson <lipson@zianet.com>  
**Cc:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Why do we encourage people to inhumanely kill wildlife on public lands! This has been going on for decades and has it really made the difference or do we just reinforce to our children that the End Justifies the Means? These animals die horrid deaths. THE WAY WILDLIFE SERVICES HAS CONTINUED THE SAME CONTROL METHODS OVER GENERATIONS IS JUST NOT THE RIGHT WAY TO DEAL WITH ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

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THIS COMMISSION SHOULD KNOW BETTER TO SUCCUMB TO SPORTSMEN, THE NRA, THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, THE SPORTING GOODS INDUSTRY AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATION THAT GIVES A LICENSE IN ONE HAND AND A WEAPON IN ANOTHER TO DESTROY OUR PUBLIC LANDS AND WILDLIFE WITH POISONS, TRAPS, AND OTHER LETHAL WEAPONS. LACK OF RESPECT FOR ANIMALS BY NOT DEALING WITH OUR PROBLEMS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY IS A PICTURE OF OUR SOCIETY, PASSING ON TO NEW GENERATIONS TO KEEP NATURE SEPARATE FROM PEOPLE, TO FIND THE EASY WAY TO EXTERMINATE, TO NOT AT LEAST TRY TO LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH THE OTHER ANIMALS THAT SHARE THE SAME HABITAT.

HUNTING IS A RESPECTABLE SPORT AND MOST RESPECTABLE HUNTERS WOULD CALL THE WAY THESE ANIMALS ARE 'CONTROLLED' AS MURDER.

PLEASE RECONSIDER.

SINCERELY,  
SHARON S SMOCK

Sent from my Skully's iPhone

How Animals Are Killed in New Mexico

\*Statistics taken from data provided by New Mexico Wildlife Services, 2010

KILLS METHOD

8,515 Shooting  
5,485 DRC-1339 (starlicide, a poison)  
2,086 Aerial Hunting (shooting animals from a helicopter or airplane)  
1,290 M44 (a device which when triggered releases sodium cyanide into the mouth of an animal)  
1,107 Neck Snares (wire loops strategically set to tighten around an animal's body)  
879 Decoy Traps  
745 Cage Traps  
545 Leghold Traps (traps in which animals are immobilized and die of exposure, starvation, etc.)  
33 Spotlight Shooting (using a spotlight at night to locate animals, and then shooting them)  
25 Handcaught  
25 Drive/Corral Traps  
7 Kill Traps (conibear body-grip traps placed underwater to capture and drown the animal)

- 7 Gas Cartridges
- 4 A/C Tablets
- 4 Snare Traps
- 1 Catch Pole
- 1 Gopher Traps
- 1 Culvert Trap

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Charlotte Lipson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Julia Thielert [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 02:45:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Traps and snares are cruel, dangerous, indiscriminate, ecologically destructive, and have no place on the lands we all share.

Please ban them.

Sincerely,  
Julia Thielert

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** William Byhower [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:33:15 AM  
**Subject:** [EXT] Traps and the public don't mix!-Tell Game Commission to ban all trapping please!

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This is wrong:

If these inadequate proposals stand, New Mexico will still allow unlimited killing of any "furbearing" species like foxes, bobcats and badgers, so trappers can make as much money as possible from the sale of their pelts. Wildlife species will still be caught by mistake, including endangered animals like the Mexican wolf. The by-catch of unintended species like javelina, cougars, bears, squirrels, porcupines and birds will still go unrecorded and uncounted. Trappers will still not be held liable if a canine companion is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog.

*William F. Byhower*  
*New Mexico State University*



**From:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 01:17:04 PM  
**To:** Tommy Baumgardner <tjbaumgardner@aol.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF  
**Cc:** Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** Re: [EXT] rabies and trapping

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Hello, Mr. Baumgardner,

Thank you very much for your comments. I will make certain they become a part of the official record for this rule making process, and I will discuss them with Department personnel.

Enjoy your day,  
Joanna Prukop, Chair  
NM State Game Commission

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**From:** Tommy Baumgardner [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF  
**Cc:** Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXT] rabies and trapping

( Fact check google rabies 2018 for each state, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico)

**Arizona: 160** cases with 29 human exposed  
**Colorado: 325** cases ( confirmed human exposed ?)  
**New Mexico: 9**

2,000 licensed trappers in New Mexico for 2018/19 season at \$20.00 per = \$40,000 not counting out of state licensed. Plus all stamps required. Most also purchase a small game license of which they must have for carrying a gun while trapping. This money goes a long ways towards our Game and fish department and habitat restoration.

**New Mexico Trappers Make a Difference.**

Thank You,  
Thomas (Tommy) Baumgardner - born and raised in [REDACTED]

**From:** KrisK [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:01:16 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] New Mexico Game Commission— No More Traps and Snares

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I am a resident of New Mexico and do NOT approve of traps and snares which cause great harm to wildlife as well as domestic dogs, etc. We must protect innocent animals from cruel and painful injuries and slow deaths. Surely in this day and age, there are improved methods that avoid these torturous devices. Please help keep wild animals free to live and survive in their natural environments without hurting or killing them unnecessarily. Thank you for your time and compassion.

Kris Karsteadt

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Mark Rosacker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 06:39:08 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Minor modifications to current trapping laws do nothing to eliminate trapping on the vast majority of public lands in New Mexico. If private persons want to trap on their own private lands, they are welcome to do so. But there should be no snares, leg hold traps, "coyote getters", or other indiscriminate and poorly monitored killing devices allowed on our mutually held PUBLIC LANDS. The NM Game and Fish Department has lived comfortably in the laps of the few for too long. It is time to ban trapping on ALL New Mexico State and Federal lands. If a person or corporation elects to graze their own private livestock on public lands via a lease system; then doing so in a more intact ecosystem, including all native predators, is a risk they must be willing to accept. Let me be clear: NO MORE TRAPS OR TRAPPING ON PUBLIC LANDS.

**From:** Dennis Holland [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 10:27:10 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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To whom, it may concern:

I support ending trapping on public lands in New Mexico. To me trapping is an archaic form of animal cruelty that has no place in 21st Century New Mexico. Moreover, trapping, in contrast to hunting, is indiscriminate and puts unintended targets such as endangered species, humans and pets at risk.

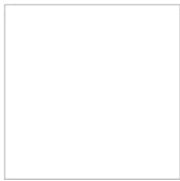
The current laws are basically from the 19th Century and do not reflect such factors as climate change, loss of habitat from human over population and commercial greed. Moreover, the current laws do not reflect the attitude of 21st Century New Mexicans who are generally opposed to this unnecessary and cruel relic from the past.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis W. Holland, Ph.D.  
Bernalillo, NM

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Dennis W. Holland, Ph.D.

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**From:** Nancy Arenas [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 07:00:01 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I urge you to endorse a trap-free New Mexico. It is the right thing to do.

- Here are some reasons:
  1. Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
  2. Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
  3. Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
  4. Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Do the right thing for New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Nancy Arenas  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Joan Rogers [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:25:19 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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My Search-and-rescue dog had her foot caught in a trap, and while it didn't permanently maim her, it was very painful and traumatic. Afterward, as we talked to people, we found that having a pet caught in a leg trap was not uncommon.

If it's harmful to dogs, it's equally harmful to wildlife. If animals need to be moved from an area, there are humane traps to catch them without harming them.

Please ban all leg trapping in New Mexico.

Thank you.

Joan L Rogers  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sandra Monday [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:07:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I am asking you to ban all of the animal traps. These traps are so cruel, torturous, and kills the animal in a horrific, slow, terrible death, whether it is a wild animal or a household pet, or some poor animal that someone put out in the middle of nowhere to fend for themselves. Actually, this is one of the worst States for animals needing care. Many people don't seem to care about there animals or kids in this state. Please ban these traps. Give the animals a chance.

**From:** Tortugamouse1 [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:13:34 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please stop all trapping, it is cruel and indiscriminate. Minnie Murray



**From:** Mary Robert <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 04:44:10 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I believe that unattended traps should not be allowed on public lands. The risk of injury to other users is simply too high. It's only a matter of time before a child is maimed or killed. This must stop.

Mary A. Robert  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Arianne Avery [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 09:23:45 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Good morning,

I am writing to you today urging you to remove dangerous and cruel traps and poisons from public lands in New Mexico. As a resident of Albuquerque, I value the many open spaces available to residents and visitors alike. However, my family is often reluctant to enjoy these recreational areas. We are extremely concerned about the many traps that have been found along our favorite trails. We simply do not understand why traps are allowed on public lands. Like many people, we read the constant news reports of residents stumbling upon traps on public lands, often with tragic results. We are fearful of our dogs being caught in a trap. We are also fearful of being caught in a trap ourselves! I have watched videos online in an attempt to educate myself about how these traps operate so that I might save my dog -- or even a friend or family member. Each of these videos is accompanied by a warning that the trap cannot be removed or damaged despite the carnage it may have caused. This is not acceptable. It certainly appears that New Mexico's priority is with trappers, not the safety of myself and my family -- and every other New Mexican living in the Land of Enchantment. Please help change this dangerous situation. We are simply asking for New Mexico's public spaces to be free of these traps.

Thank you,

Arianne Avery

**From:** Susi [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 08:30:28 AM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Cc:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Good Morning,

Being out in nature is calming, rejuvenating and grounding for me. It is special and important.

I very much appreciate having so much of nature available in New Mexico. I therefore ask that you please set aside a large portion of it to remain free and wild and without traps.

Thank you very much.

Susi Perry  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ann Roylance <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 07:08:27 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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70% of New Mexicans are against trapping. So who are you serving? The folks who can pay \$20 for unlimited trapping?

It causes so much needless suffering. Why cant it be stopped?

Thank you,

Ann ROYLANCE

[REDACTED]

**From:** June Weatherspoon [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 06:40:14 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners,

New Mexicans want and deserve traps OFF of public lands.

Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife.

Please BAN all traps on public land.

Thank you for your consideration.

June Weatherspoon, [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Jess [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 11:54:52 AM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd10.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Hello,

I have lived in Santa Fe for 40 years. I am an outdoors person who enjoys hiking and flyfishing in northern NM. I am totally oppsed to allowing legal trapping in NM. The family pet dog killed at Santa Cruz lake is a vivid reminder of the threat to the general public. Tourism is hurt by legal trapping as well.

thank you for considering my input,

James Clemens

**From:** Luke Houghton [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 11:22:26 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Cc:** Luke Houghton <lhoughton@sportsmensalliance.org>  
**Subject:** [EXT] Letter of Opposition to Trapping Regulation Proposals  
**Attachments:** SA Letter of Opposition - NM- Trapping Rule.pdf

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To all:

Please see the attached letter of opposition on behalf of the Sportsmen's Alliance and its growing coalition, regarding the two trapping regulation proposals (Trapping and Furbearer Rule Proposal and the Bear and Cougar Rule Proposal) which was sent to the New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Regards,

Luke Houghton

[REDACTED]



**From:** Becca Smith [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 08:02:24 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Please ban traps on New Mexico lands

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PLEASE take action against public land trapping. It is so inhumane, it is heartbreaking. Wild animals are important to the ecosystem, and they are worth more than their fur. Our state is better than this.

Thank you,

Becca Smith



**From:** Shannon Patrick <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:10:24 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Please prohibit recreational and commercial trapping on all public lands.

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**Please prohibit recreational and commercial trapping** on all public lands. We've tried doing all the wrong things already -- and they don't work for anyone and are inhumane and cruel. Please, step up and try doing the RIGHT thing now!!!

Some of your proposals actually weaken current restrictions, such as increasing the trap check time for traps set underwater and allowing trapping all year long for raccoons and nutria. This is unacceptable!

That some limited areas such as the Sandia Mountains and Organ Mountains may become off limits to trapping is an acknowledgement that traps and the public don't mix. But no one on public land anywhere in our state should be subject to the harm and danger that hidden traps pose.

If these inadequate proposals stand, New Mexico will still allow unlimited killing of any "furbearing" species like foxes, bobcats and badgers, so trappers can make as much money as possible from the sale of their pelts. Wildlife species will still be caught by mistake, including endangered animals like the Mexican wolf. The by-catch of unintended species like javelina, cougars, bears, squirrels, porcupines and birds will still go unrecorded and uncounted. Trappers will still not be held liable if a canine companion is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!!!!

Thank you,  
Shannon Patrick  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mariana Lukacova [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:20:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Mariana Lukacova

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Elizabeth Kerkmans <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:54:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Kerkmans

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**From:** Dixie Parker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 06:00:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Dixie Parker

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Anne Montarou <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 05:09:16 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Anne Montarou

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**From:** Pj Schuster [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 02:00:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is quite personal for me, as several years ago one of our newly adopted shelter dogs, a medium sized white terrier named Pearl, got caught in one of those neck traps. It was right in the middle of town (Ruidoso) with a low income housing complex very nearby where families have young children. If my husband hadnt been able to get to her immediately & somehow with brute force managed to get that airline cable noose loosened from around her throat; PEARL would have died-strangled to death. We would have been devastated.

No animal deserves to die in terror like that, its gross & brutal, inhumane. I find it almost inconceivable that we are living in the 21st century & yet continue to allow this barbaric practice from a century & more ago continue. I find it to be sickening & disgusting. It needs to stop now.

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Phyllis J Schuster - Retired RN

Sincerely,

Pj Schuster

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**From:** Cheryl Gilbert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 12:57:26 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I've been wanting trapping to stop for a very long time!! It's disgusting & inhumane!! No one needs to trap in this day & age. In most cases it's a slow horrible way for an animal to die. I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Gilbert

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mike Anderson [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 08:47:13 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Mike Anderson

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**From:** Frédéric Jaubert [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:37:42 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Public Lands Trapping, please ban all trapping now!

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Dear members:

The Game Commission is considering minor changes to the trapping rule: they are inadequate. Another trapping season is looming in New Mexico after last year's saw at least two dogs killed, a handful of others injured, and untold thousands of native wildlife trapped and skinned for their fur!

Nearly 70% of New Mexicans oppose trapping entirely. While a public lands trapping ban (like Roxy's Law) is the best way to stop the cruelty and risk to public safety, our commissioners instead are entertaining an inadequate set of changes to the rule, including:

- Closing only 0.5% of New Mexico's public land to most traps.
- Increasing setbacks from trailheads, but not from trails or roads.
- Adopting a year-round season for raccoons and nutria.
- Increasing trap check times for underwater traps.
- Minor changes aren't going to fly.

New Mexicans want and deserve traps OFF of public lands.

Traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps. Trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife. For only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Please ban cruel and indiscriminate traps from all of New Mexico's public lands!

Sincerely:

Frédéric Jaubert  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Tommy Baumgardner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 11:49:17 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] rabies and trapping

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( Fact check google rabies 2018 for each state, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico)

**Arizona: 160** cases with 29 human exposed

**Colorado: 325** cases ( confirmed human exposed ?)

**New Mexico: 9**

2,000 licensed trappers in New Mexico for 2018/19 season at \$20.00 per = \$40,000 not counting out of state licensed. Plus all stamps required. Most also purchase a small game license of which they must have for carrying a gun while trapping. This money goes a long ways towards our Game and fish department and habitat restoration.

**New Mexico Trappers Make a Difference.**

Thank You,

Thomas (Tommy) Baumgardner - born and raised in [REDACTED] New Mexico

**From:** Larry <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 06:27:50 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Charlotte Lipson <lipson@zianet.com>

**Subject:** [EXT] Re: Strengthen trapping rules

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I concur with Charlotte.

Larry Gioannini  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On Monday, October 21, 2019, 10:39:04 AM MDT, Charlotte Lipson [REDACTED] wrote:

Commissioners:

I strongly urge you to strengthen the rules covering trapping. Do not allow unlimited killing and injuring of wild animals including endangered species and domestic pets caught "by mistake."

Under present rules I understand that trappers are not liable if a family dog is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog or a wild animal.

Charlotte Lipson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Tom Holley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 08:54:38 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trap Free public lands

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I am writing to express my concern about trapping on New Mexico public lands. Trapping is cruel and inhumane and it is disconcerting to me that it is still allowed at all, much less here in the Land of Enchantment. Please do what you can to stop this outdated practice in our state.

Sincerely,  
Tom Holley, M.D.

**From:** Deborah Stark <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 06:29:44 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Legislation

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To whom it concerns;

Please ban all traps from our lands. The use of these primitive, cruel devices should be a thing from our history.

There is no need for them or necessary function in today's world.

They are only agents of cruelty and suffering for any and all that are caught, sadly including domestic animals.

We should be above using this archaic device.

Please make it illegal and ban their use!

Help us to step forward into the 21st century with greater compassion for other living creatures and the world we live in.

Sincerely,

Deborah Stark,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stark  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Debera Solis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:24:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are too painful!!!

Sincerely,  
Debera Solis

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Michele Fair [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 12:55:42 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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To whom it may concern,

My husband and I moved to the state of New Mexico for its beauty, nature, and wildlife. Imagine our dismay when we found out that trapping here is not just legal, it also seems to be encouraged. The level of cruelty and disregard for a living being is unbelievable, and we're now second-guessing our decision. We were under the impression that this state respected and revered its land and wildlife. This seems not to be the case, which is very disheartening. I am writing today to express my sincere concerns about the trapping going on in the state of New Mexico. How many dogs and children must be injured or even die before this state does the right thing?

- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Perhaps the representatives of this state need to take a hard look at how the wildlife here is being treated and take real steps to protect it. Otherwise, New Mexico is no different and no better than many other states in this union.

Sincerely,  
Michele Fair

**From:** Lori Fisher [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 12:12:50 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Traps and poisons should be banned from public lands, actually from use at all. They are cruel, indiscriminate and exceedingly harmful to the entire food chain, including humans, not to mention pets. It's time to step up to 21st century in management technology.

Lori Fisher  
[REDACTED]

**Not everyone is in the position to help other animals, but everyone is in the position not to harm them. *Douglas Williams***

*Never have we been so close to the fulfillment of prophecy, and never have we been so indifferent.*  
*Ellen White*



**From:** Chris Pell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 11:56:02 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Chris Pell

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Alice McClelland <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 01:27:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Alice McClelland

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Allison Rand <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 03:21:48 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Rejoice evermore ~ St. Paul

**From:** Clark Zrakovi [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 03:10:50 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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From Clark Zrakovi, [REDACTED]

The trapping regulations of the NM Fish and Game Commission harken back to the time of homo sapiens as hunter gatherers about 16,000 years in the past.

Your organization needs to adjust to the 21st century where man no longer needs to hunt animals for food(meat) and or warmth(fur). Both of these items are abundantly available in food markets and clothing stores.

It is time to abolish traps in New Mexico.

Do the right thing and protect the disappearing wildlife in our state and country.

**From:** Linda Fair [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 02:17:26 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Linda Fair

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lana Green [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 03:11:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

I have taught ecology and been involved in environmental education for more than half of my lifetime. All of creation plays a vital part in the welfare and health of the whole. Stop assaulting a key player, wolves, in the proper balance of the health of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Lana Green

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**From:** betsy walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 08:19:12 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] ban trapping on public lands

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Hello Commissioner Lopez –

Please ask yourself these questions and then reply to me:

Who do you actually work for?

The overall population of New Mexico residents?

Or a select few who resist change for their own personal benefit?

Please ban trapping on public lands **NOW**. Here are just some of the reasons why:

- Traps are cruel. Animals in traps may starve to death, succumb to exposure or dehydration, or even chew off their own limbs trying to escape.
- Traps are indiscriminate. They kill non-target animals including cats, dogs and imperiled species, including Mexican gray wolves. Countless New Mexico residents have lost beloved pets to indiscriminate traps.
- Trapping is counterproductive to sound science. Randomly killing coyotes, for example, disrupts their pack structure which can increase their populations and increase conflicts with humans and companion animals.
- Wild animals play an important ecological role in healthy ecosystems. Coyotes, for example, reduce rabbit and rodent populations, keep environments free of animal carcasses, and increase biodiversity.
- Trapping allows a tiny minority of the population to steal New Mexico's wildlife for personal profit. Wildlife belongs to ALL citizens—but for only \$20 a year (even less for youth), a trapper is allowed to kill as many animals as he or she wants for private gain

Thank you for your time and service. I look forward to your reply-

Betsy Walker  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** jackie coombes [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 10:11:45 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd13.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please ban the trapping on public lands. I routinely hike with my dog and grandchildren. Traps are dangerous to pets and children. The trappers are irresponsible and cruel. Please ban them. Thank you, Jackie Coombes [REDACTED]



**From:** Leslie Dimmick [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 11:22:59 AM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Madams and Sirs:

In a world where human behavior has contributed to rapid decline (near 50% since 1970) of wildlife, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects do we really need to support another cruel method of slaughter inherent in their extinction? The vast majority of your constituents cherish these living creatures, please know our hearts and minds and do not pander to the few vociferous relics whose idea of fun is indiscriminate torture and prolonged death. Ban trapping. It is the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Leslie R. Dimmick

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**From:** Tessa Dowell <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 09:46:45 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please ban traps from all public lands. The cruelty of traps is  
barbaric and inexcusable.

Tessa

Tessa Dowell  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Ian Rosenkranz [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 02:26:35 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Year after year and still here we are. Is it so hard to ban trapping? How much cruelty will you allow before you become so small you disappear? If you don't stop suffering you cause suffering. Simple. The time is now. Step up or step aside.

**From:** Donald Helfrich [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 08:19:53 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Hello,

I am a Biogeographer and I teach at CNM. Trapping is a non-specific targeting mechanism that is horrific in its cruelty. Please see reason and compassion and outlaw trapping on public lands. My students are universally appalled when I give them the details of their home state in this matter.

Thank you,  
Don Helfrich

**From:** Michael Lawler [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 05:20:15 PM

**To:** Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Soules, David, DGF

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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These are OUR lands and it is your job to protect them and Nature's inhabitants from cruel and unusual human behavior. No traps on OUR lands! No cruelty in OUR names! No subsidized sick inhumane conduct!

**From:** Pam Neely <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:49:33 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Thank you for working so hard to protect New Mexico's public lands.

I have been hiking in the Sangre de Cristo mountains for nearly 15 years now, and have covered the terrain from Santa Fe to Taos and back. I always take a dog with me. Fortunately, he has not yet tripped a trap. Fortunately, I haven't tripped a trap either while bushwacking or looking for a campsite. But when I got my Wilderness First Responder certification earlier this year, tripping a trap was one of the reasons to get it.

We all really do deserve to go for a walk in the woods without threat to life and limb - literally. Please end this lunacy. Ban trapping in public lands. All public lands. Now.

Warm Regards,  
Pam Neely  
homeowner, voter, hiker

**From:** Deborah Bristow [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 11:59:07 AM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us@state.nm.us@state.nm.us@state.nm.us@state.nm.us@state.nm.us@state.nm.us@state.nm.us; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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YES, please stop trapping the wild animals in New Mexico.

Deborah Bristow

**From:** Pam M [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 04:45:56 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Hello,

I want animal traps banned from public lands. My reasons are many, among them:

- Trapping is cruel: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is indiscriminate: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is a public safety hazard: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in amputation and, in two cases, death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is a drain on wildlife: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Please support the ban currently being considered.

Pam Mayberry  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Randy Lantz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 10:03:34 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Game Commission,

New Mexico needs to ban traps on public lands. These traps are indiscriminate killers. Unlike hunters who know what they are shooting at that moment, and who are limited to the number of animals they take every year, trappers kill a lot of non target animals and are unlimited in their take. That can put animal populations in a decline.

These traps can be a hazard to domestic pets and humans. Trapping is also inhumane because the deaths are generally not immediate but cause the animal a long, slow, agonizing death.

New Mexico can be better than this. We need to stop trapping on public land.

Sincerely,

Randy Lantz

**From:** Gudrun Hoerig [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 08:40:09 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I urge you to ban traps from all New Mexico Public Lands, they are barbaric, inhumane and dangerous not only to Wildlife but pets and people as well. If we need to kill wildlife do we need to also let them suffer in the most horrible way?

Sincerely,  
Gudrun Hoerig

**From:** Greg P [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 11:20:55 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners,

I hope you are well and in good spirits.

I am emailing simply to ask you to ban animal traps from all public lands belonging to New Mexico.

Thank you kindly for you time and energy given to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Greg Corning

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 12:24:21 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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As a pet parent and lover of our public lands I urge you to ban ALL traps from NM's public lands.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Nicol

[REDACTED], NM

**From:** Gary Kology [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:54:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The need for trapping has diminished to the point that only a handful do it., yet the killing and maiming of animals continues.

I belong to a SAR in NM, the careless and sometimes illegal of setting of traps poses a danger to my highly trained search dog. SAR dogs have been injured by traps!!!

I think it?s about time that NM joined the rest of the 21st Century and banned all trapping.

Thank you

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gary Kology

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**From:** John Roig [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:51:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please help to stop the barbarity.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Roig

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**From:** Russell Milazzo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:51:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Public lands are not the place for trapping of any sort. These lands are ostensibly havens for nature to be appreciated by the public, funded by public dollars. Prohibit these practices on our land that is under your trust!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Russell Milazzo

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Rebecca Stein [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:51:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Besides, it is barbaic, cruel and immoral!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Stein

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**From:** Theresa Hadden-Martinez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:50:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Theresa Hadden-Martinez

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**From:** Drew Reese [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:48:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Drew Reese

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**From:** Pieter Hull [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:48:53 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Pieter Hull

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**From:** Paloma Sena [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:54:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to prohibit trapping of endangered animals by irresponsible, heartless poachers. Not only will these beautiful animals suffer needlessly, someone merely taking a walk with their dog in the mountains could find themselves with a horrifically injured dog because of someone else's greed and selfishness. It is frankly appalling to me that such a proposal is even being considered when in reality animal protections should be increased, not rolled back.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Paloma Sena

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**From:** Virginia Mccoy [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:53:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I have been a resident of New Mexico for 26 years. I live in Mimbres on the edge of the Gila Wilderness and Aldo Leopoldo wilderness. I moved here for access to the wilderness, for camping, hiking and just enjoying. I have seen the effects of trapping and they are brutal, horrific, cruel and no longer necessary . It needs to stop. let us begin to treat our animal kingdom with respect and awe! Stop this unacceptable practice.??

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Virginia Mccoy

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**From:** Jo Ann Hakola [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:53:47 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Stop infringing on the wilderness areas. Don't drive all the animal extinct.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Hakola

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**From:** Peter Kinney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:53:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Peter Kinney

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**From:** Dianne Stromberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:53:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is unacceptable to hurt other animals in this cruel way.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Dianne Stromberg

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**From:** C. H. [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:52:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is cruel and dangerous for people and our pets as well as wildlife. NO on commercial and the unimaginable "recreational" trapping. How sick.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

C. H.

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**From:** James Cooke ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:52:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

James Cooke

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**From:** Stephen Gilbert [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:51:47 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

No traps on ANY public land...

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Stephen Gilbert

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**From:** Nathan Nielsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:54:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Nathan Nielsen

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**From:** Diane Owens [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 09:00:22 AM  
**To:** R.Salazar@state.nm.us; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Sloane, Michael B., DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Consideration of stream access

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New Mexico Game Commission

Madam Chair and Madam Vice-Chair, Honorable Members, and Director,

I am writing with this public comment for which I ask your consideration.

The Silver City Daily Press article by Geoffrey Plant reporting on the Water and Natural Resources Committee's consideration of the stream access issue describes exchanges between Committee vice-chair McQueen and G&FD Director Sloane and lays bare the first two concerns below.

The Game Commission did not and does not have the statutory authority to determine navigability of New Mexico's streams and rivers.

The Game Commission's 2017 rule and approval of the five 2018 applications were issued in disregard of the New Mexico Supreme Court opinion in *State v Red River Valley Co.* 51 N.M. 207 that affirmed New Mexicans' constitutional right for public access to our streams and rivers. Navigability was not at issue. The Game Commission sued to protect public access to public waters and prevailed. Three New Mexico Attorneys General—Udall, King, and Balderas—have issued supporting opinions.

The Game Commission accepted without question or due process the outlandish claim by applicants' attorney Marco Gonzales that none of New Mexico's streams and rivers are navigable, meaning that in the eyes of the Game Commission's 2017 rule, all rivers that flow through private property can be privatized.

The Game Commission passed its rules and approved the five privatization applications without public outreach. I just learned of the rule after it had been approved. If the rule was legally approved, it certainly was not considered with public transparency or fairness. These process failures contributed to the Game Commission's rule and its approval of the five applications being fatally flawed. This is not good government.

As boaters and river runners, we accept limits and permits so that our public rivers do not get over-used. This is done fairly and publicly. Commercial interests get a share of limited user days. If private investment in fish habitat improves a stream so that it deserves special protection, the Game Commission can protect the fishery with fair limits on public use, implemented through a lottery or special permit access requirements.

Please extend the moratorium and do not consider the two additional applications pending before the Game Commission until you have given the flaws and fair alternatives described above your full and careful consideration, informed by full public participation opportunities.

Diane Owens  
A native of [REDACTED], New Mexico

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** shelly thedford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:11:42 AM  
**To:** dfg-furbearer-rules@state.nm.us; Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Opposed Trapping Rule Changes

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Good Morning.

I was surprised to see that not one Game Commissioner was present at the meeting last night. How are we to express our concerns about the proposed rule changes to you all if you don't bother to show up. Here in Las Cruces or at the Roswell meeting. You took this responsibility on and should at least show for these scheduled meetings. My other concern is that the meeting in Farmington tonight has no public comment. Those people should have the right to be able to tell you their thoughts on the proposed rule changes. It is not right to not take the time to listen to your public on public matters that will effect their lives, their economic state and to listen to all the people these rule changes will effect. Trappers, Farmers and Ranchers alike. Across our intire state. To choose not to listen to them or bother to show for these public meetings, in my opinion is a poor decision on your part.

Now for my concerns on the rule changes.

I do understand that it is believed that rule changes are necessary for the Trapper to move forward and continue to trap. My irritation lies in the fact that when there is room to give it is always the Trappers who have to give. The 1/2 mile set back rule only make things difficult for the Trapper and easier for the non consumptive land user to do as they have always done, not follow the rules. Easier for them to not have their pets on leashes. They gain more land while we are shut out of public lands due to complete closures of property we pay to use. If they were able to mind their own business, leave trapping equipment alone and secure their pets we could leave things as they are. If they took responsibility for their action and were held accountable by the law and publicly, as the Trapper is expected to do, maybe the Trapper wouldn't be the ones always giving. We are always discriminated against by the public, and the media.

I also am against any bag limits being set. With exception to unexpected illness (scientifically identified) that threatens the existence of a protected species. There needs to be safe guards or side bars in place that these decisions are made with the advice and direction of one or more biologists with concrete evidence of such illness. Not made by 2 people at there own discretions. Regulated Trapping has a designated season therefore giving it bag limits so to speak. There are strategies in place to make educated counts on furbearer.

Thank you for your time.

Shelly Thedford

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**From:** Therese And David Patton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 01:39:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Bio-diversity is vital to supporting human life. We are all connected. Inhumane practices are wrong for their cruelty but stupid for their impact on our own future. I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Therese And David Patton

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**From:** Edward Barengo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 07:47:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Edward Barengo

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**From:** Mindy Newby [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 12:53:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Mindy Newby

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**From:** Richard Spotts <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 10:47:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Spotts

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Lawry Sager [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 10:21:48 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Looking at the current roster of the New Mexico Game Commission one would think that some degree of biological and common sense considerations would enter into its decision making process. But that would not seem to be the case if the political appointees of the commission were swayed by the uninformed nineteenth century rhetoric we heard espoused by supporters of traps, snares, and poisons from the Roundhouse steps during the last legislative session. I am well aware that New Mexico is still a poor state and that it is often more than difficult to gain employment here, especially in the far flung rural villages; and that, yes, some people do manage to eke out, or supplement, their livings by trapping furbearers. But at what cost to the environmental dynamics that nature strives to maintain in the face of the "development" and sprawl that threatens virtually every biome within this state? (I do not consider the protection of at-large household pets to be a valid reason to allow the killing of natural predators: those losses are the responsibility of pet owners who, through ignorance or defiance, disregard laws, regulations and the dictates of common sense). Painting trappers as protectors of the environment simply doesn't work: this was made painfully obvious to me several years ago, when, living in the San Pedro Mountains of southern Santa Fe County, I came upon a (barely) live gray fox in a leg-hold trap. Although it had been six days since the last snowfall, there were no tracks other than my own anywhere in the vicinity; not the fox's, and certainly not the trappers..a week of needless pain, and a slow death. I still see it whenever I come upon an untended trap.

We still see livestock allowed to calve in unprotected areas of leased State and Federal lands, a condition that would seem to tempt any large predator, and one that could be addressed without the removal of any and all such predators by lethal means, one would think.

Even as the NMDGF still "enjoys" the reputation of being a "Hook and Bullet Club" there is a rather robust Conservation arm whose research should be included in proposals such as that concerning the continued use of leg-hold traps, snares, and poisons that persist in our environment (to continue killing). Game commission decisions are not infallible: it has taken decades to rebuild our deer herds after a doe hunt was allowed several decades ago;

after a comprehensive survey of mountain lions found far fewer animals than had been expected, the Commission allowed the former high limits of killing to continue; and, more recently, while researchers in the field were noting a precipitous decline in Lesser Prairie-chicken numbers, the Commission proposed reopening a season on them (even in the absence of public demand). I urge this Commission to do away with the wanton, inhumane killing of our wildlife by means of archaic traps, snares and forever poisons.

Respectfully,

Sincerely,

Lawry Sager

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**From:** Stephen Rose <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 10:07:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The trapping proposal is far too weak. I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,

Stephen Rose

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**From:** Dona Upson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 10:45:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Dona Upson

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**From:** Diane Paolazzi [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 03:43:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Diane Paolazzi

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**From:** Gaetane Gonzales [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 09:19:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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Sincerely,

Gaetane Gonzales

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**From:** emelie olson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 08:27:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Jenny Lapetina [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 04:00:37 PM  
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Sincerely,

Jenny Lapetina

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**From:** sara sexton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 03:46:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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sara sexton

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**From:** Norm Gaume [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 03:02:18 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Sloane, Michael B., DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Public access to New Mexico's streams and rivers  
**Attachments:** 2019-10-21 SCDP\_Legislators push back on limiting stream access.pdf

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Please extend the moratorium and do not consider the two additional applications pending before the Game Commission until you have given the flaws and fair alternatives described above your full and careful consideration, informed by full public participation opportunities.

Norm Gaume  
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**From:** Carpenter, ScottX A [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 03:52:14 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Sloane, Michael B., DGF  
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As an active river runner averaging over 400 miles paddled each year, mostly in NM, I am also the current President of the Adobe Whitewater Club of New Mexico, the NM Deputy Director of the American Canoe Association, and an ACA level IV Whitewater kayak instructor. I know many reaches of the rivers in New Mexico and elsewhere and understand the true value of wild, free-flowing, accessible rivers. Fences and other private structures such as poorly designed bridges and irrigation head-gates pose a serious threat to the safety of paddlers recreating on public waters. And all waterways should be public. As boaters and river runners, we accept limits and permits so that our public rivers do not get over-used. This is done fairly and publicly. Commercial interests get a share of limited user days, still permitting them to charge exorbitant rates for private guided fishing trips. If private investment in fish habitat improves a stream so that it deserves special protection, the Game Commission can protect the fishery with fair limits on public use, implemented through a lottery or special permit access requirements, while still permitting these private investors to

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Finally, I hope that the five applications already approved are rescinded and some tool of protection is passed to protect public waterways from any similar threats in the future.

Scott Carpenter  
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**From:** grant gourley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 11:36:05 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Regarding: Applications for Landowner Certification of Non-navigable Water Segments

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Dear Members of the New Mexico Game Commission,

As a river runner and outdoorsman, also member of Adobe Whitewater Club and American Whitewater, I am concerned about Certification of Non-Navigable Water Segments. The July 24, 2019 90 day moratorium on certification of said segments has expired, and no public documents from the New Mexico Attorney General's Office have been presented or reviewed regarding these certifications. I urge all of you to extend an indefinite moratorium on Certification of Non-Navigable Water Segments until a full legal review and public comment period can be obtained and analysed. From my perspective these certifications are fundamentally flawed. Two out of three of current certifications are held by wealthy owners with a Texas address. I recently obtained an Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) request and discovered that two applications have been submitted from Texans on two navigable streams, being again the Pecos River and Rio Chama. Below I copied links to hydrographs for Rio Chama and Pecos River each from April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Note the cubic feet per second (cfs) during spring 2019 was over 2000 on Rio Chama and over 900 on Pecos River for the segments in question. The Pecos River USGS gauge is on or within 0.5 miles of River Bend Ranch, and the USGS Rio Chama gauge above Chama is upstream of the Canones Creek property application. Please note that the median cfs on both gauges during times on these hydrographs are floatable with a 14' raft.

[https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nm/nwis/uv/?ts\\_id=101108&format=img\\_default&site\\_no=08281400&begin\\_date=20190401&end\\_date=20190630](https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nm/nwis/uv/?ts_id=101108&format=img_default&site_no=08281400&begin_date=20190401&end_date=20190630)

[https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nm/nwis/uv/?ts\\_id=101314&format=img\\_default&site\\_no=08378500&begin\\_date=20190401&end\\_date=20190630](https://nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov/nm/nwis/uv/?ts_id=101314&format=img_default&site_no=08378500&begin_date=20190401&end_date=20190630)

This Certification of Non-This Navigable Water Segments is in conflict with the New Mexico Supreme Court decision of State ex. rel. State Game Commission v. Red River Valley Co. 51 N.M. 207; 182 P.2d 421 (1945, 1946, & 1947). Furthermore, the United States Supreme Court decision in the Daniel Ball case determined, and has been consistently upheld that "a river is navigable in law if it is navigable in fact."

I will not be able to attend this Friday afternoon Game Commission meeting, as I am working in San Miguel County, New Mexico. Thank you for consideration.

Grant Gourley

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**From:** Dylan Shaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 05:54:01 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trap Free on Public Lands

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Hello,

Please know that close to 70% of New Mexicans oppose trapping on public lands.

Another trapping season is looming in New Mexico after last year's saw at least two dogs killed, a handful of others injured, and untold thousands of native wildlife trapped and skinned for their fur.

The set of changes are inadequate and trapping needs to be banned on public lands. Can you imagine being trapped underwater? The fact that this is legal is hard to believe and does not look this state look very good. After the turnout from anti-trapping supporters it's just a matter of time. The pro-trapping community continues to lose support from the public and this state will one day look back at trapping as a black eye similar to what cock fighting was.

Indiscriminately killing and inflicting suffering. This is trapping. Let's be on the right side of history.

Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife.

Thank you for your time

**From:** randy summers [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 07:44:36 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping in NM

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traps and the public don't mix!

If these inadequate proposals stand, New Mexico will still allow unlimited killing of any "furbearing" species like foxes, bobcats and badgers, so trappers can make as much money as possible from the sale of their pelts. Wildlife species will still be caught by mistake, including endangered animals like the Mexican wolf. The by-catch of unintended species like javelina, cougars, bears, squirrels, porcupines and birds will still go unrecorded and uncounted. Trappers will still not be held liable if a canine companion is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog.

Ban trapping

**From:** Kay Friedlob [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:16:39 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. They are cruel and inhumane.

Sincerely,  
Kay Friedlob

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[REDACTED]



**From:** Suzanne Hodges <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 02:29:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a non New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

This is a cruel outdated practice that has no place in any culture or civilized country. I am deeply appalled and disappointed that New Mexico participate and permit this.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Hodges  
Benita  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Lynda Schuh [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/24/2019 07:53:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

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Sincerely,  
Lynda Schuh

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Gale Murphy [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 07:39:53 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. ABOLISH ALL TRAPPING AND SNARING.

Sincerely,  
Gale Murphy

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Paola Castano [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 08:57:56 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Traps and snares are cruel, dangerous, indiscriminate, ecologically destructive, and have no place on the lands we all share.

thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Paola Castano

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**From:** Pascal Fromentin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/23/2019 06:57:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Sincerely,  
Pascal Fromentin

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**From:** Gretel Underwood <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:13:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

I have lived in New Mexico for 38 years and I love my state. But I am also ashamed of my state for being so backwards when it comes to animal protection legislation.

I and my family are strongly against any type of trapping in New Mexico, whether it be on public or private land. Trapping is cruel, and barbaric to wildlife as well as domestic animals. There is no longer enough economic incentive to kill animals for fur. And it is no longer acceptable to disregard the suffering and pain animals go through when caught in a trap. This is not the nineteenth century. New Mexico needs to support its wildlife, not torture and kill it for pelts. Wildlife in New Mexico is partly mine, and I say no! to people who torture and kill my wildlife.

Please think beyond the old norms and the paltry money the state receives for trapping. Ban ALL Trapping for fur. Respectfully,  
Gretel, Wayne, and Max Underwood

Sincerely,  
Gretel Underwood

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Lisa Tyler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:57:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping animals for sport is cruel, and I don't want it happening on MY public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Lisa Tyler

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**From:** Jorgen Hog [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:56:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping on public land is an unnecessary risk to people and endangered wildlife.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jorgen Hog

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**From:** Audrey Marie Urbano [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:57:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Sincerely,

Audrey Marie Urbano

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**From:** Charlotte Taft [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:57:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please Please!! No trapping ever!! Cruel and so unnecessary!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Taft

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Priscilla Martinez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:56:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Martinez

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Ronald Christ ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:57:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ronald Christ

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Gary Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:58:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gary Holcomb

[REDACTED]

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**From:** June Parsons ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 03:58:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I grew up in eastern Colorado along the South Platte River, and have witnessed firsthand how cruel trapping is, because it is not quick and painless, it is completely unnecessary unimaginable suffering. Trapping has no place on public lands. JP

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

June Parsons

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**From:** kris Harden [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:43:57 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing you today to ask that you ban wildlife trapping and animal traps on all public lands in New Mexico. Wildlife is a public resource and one of our state's greatest treasures. Trapping is cruel. Trapped animals endure intense pain and suffering including but not limited to starvation, broken bones and dislocations. Because of developments in neurological and behavioral sciences, we know that all mammals share our primary and many of our secondary emotions. It is our responsibility to diminish such cruelty and torture of animals at the hands of humans.

Trapping is indiscriminate causing non-target animals including domestic animals to be maimed and severely injured. Traps are a public health hazard and should not be a source for private profit in our state. Key ecosystem engineers are lost to trapping every year, wreaking havoc on our public landscapes and native species. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax and are not held liable for killing or harming unintended trapped animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Kristin A. Harden

[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol Licini ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:03:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is absolutely cruel and horrific. How can you, as human beings, allow this to continue? Have you no heart? It's hard enough to be a wild animal, to avoid cars, people, other wild animals, find food, etc. Trapping does not belong. Do something good in your lives and ban trapping!!! It's ridiculous that this state still allows it.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carol Licini

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**From:** Haley Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:45:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are a danger to humans, dogs, and animals that are not the target of the traps. Traps do not discriminate what steps in them and only trap the species they're "supposed to", they trap whatever steps in them. Humans and their dogs out exploring public lands should not have to worry about traps. If you insist on allowing traps on public lands, at least hold trappers liable if a human or their dog is injured by a trap they set. Traps do so much more harm than good, and offer no benefit to the public on our public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Haley Jones

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**From:** John Meade [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 09:17:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Meade

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Russell Fletcher ([REDACTED]) >  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:50:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Thank you for carefully considering my request, and for your work toward a healthy and peaceful planet, because the earth is the only planet for all of us.

Sincerely,

Russell Fletcher

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Russell Fletcher

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**From:** Annie Evergreen ( [REDACTED] )  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:49:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is unkind, unfair, and dangerous. Please consider abolishing trapping. Thank you.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Annie Evergreen

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Landra White ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:04:53 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Landra White

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mark Rosacker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:17:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is 2019, NOT 1919.

The NM Game Commission needs to wake up, respect the vast majority of New Mexicans, and ban ALL trapping on NM Public Lands. Protect all of our wildlife, including predators, uphold the 24 hour mandate to check traps, and get BOTH Commercial and Recreational trapping out of New Mexico. Our forests and public lands, and our wildlife belong to ALL New Mexicans, not just a few uneducated thugs who like to kill animals. Climb out of the ranching communities back pocket, get off your duffs, and PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mark Rosacker

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Larry Hindman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:31:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I can't believe this continues to be allowed. It is cruel, inhumane, and unnecessary. It is criminal activity in most States and civilized countries around the world. Why it is still allowed in New Mexico is beyond unconscionable. The TINY minority of people in the state who claim it is somehow necessary are [wrong](#). You know there is a great deal of unbiased scientific data that shows no value to trapping. Why are you even considering it. How about following the will of the huge majority of the citizens of the state and ban this 19th century practice.

Dear Game Commissioners,  
I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Larry Hindman  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

**From:** Denys Cope [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:49:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Denys Cope

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**From:** Mary Robert [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:44:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mary Robert

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**From:** Al Webster [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:44:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Al Webster

[REDACTED]

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**From:** David Derringer ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:42:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

As a professional hunter/ outfitter #32 and former Army sniper for humane hunting should be "fair chase" and one shot one kill. Trapping in a moral society should be banned just as baiting and driving game with vehicles. I want all trapping banned in NM.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Derringer

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**From:** Keith Neuner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:51:29 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Keith Neuner

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**From:** Val Talento [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:40:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Val Talento

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**From:** Wendy Cherry [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:40:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It's a cruel and completely unnecessary act. Why would we need to use such barbaric measures? Let's get creative and responsible and stop threatening and posing harm on other living creatures. Your own pet or loved one could be harmed. I do not and will not stand for such cruel exploitative treatment of wildlife. Please put an end to this.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Havlir Cherry

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,  
Wendy Cherry

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**From:** Joy Nagle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:39:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I find the practice unbearably cruel. As stewards of this great land and the animals we should set an example that this barbaric practice belongs in the past. It is completely unacceptable that by keeping the proposal will still allow unlimited killing of any "furbearing" species like foxes, bobcats and badgers. In addition other species will still be caught by mistake, including endangered animals like the Mexican wolf. And the unintended species like javelina, cougars, bears, squirrels, porcupines and birds will still go unrecorded and uncounted. Trappers will still not be held liable if our dogs or cats are hurt as a result of being caught in traps. There is no way to continue to justify trapping as good practice. It's time to evolve and stop the cruelty.

Sincerely,

Joy Nagle

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joy Nagle

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**From:** Richard Spas ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:38:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is time to end all trapping on public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Richard Spas

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**From:** Rachel Spring ([REDACTED]) >  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:36:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rachel Spring

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**From:** Stephanie Vorse [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:35:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Vorse

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Les Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:34:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Les Roberts

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**From:** Peter Roche [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:32:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are extremely cruel to the target animals, in addition to being dangerous for other animals and even humans. They should have no place in our state.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Peter Roche

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**From:** Chemen Ochoa [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:32:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Chemen Ochoa

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**From:** Matthew Albright [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:17:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Matthew Albright

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**From:** Joan Martinez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:28:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

You know all the reasons. Pets are in danger. Humans are in danger.

But it's important to imagine how you can make this work. We cannot continue to destroy life in this fashion. It will destroy us.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joan Martinez

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**From:** Daniel Padilla ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:25:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Daniel Padilla

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**From:** Barbara Carmichael [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:25:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Barbara Carmichael

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**From:** Judy Kramer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:24:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Judy Kramer

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Alan Shapiro [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:24:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I've personally seen traps along popular fishing spots on the Pecos. My toddlers discovered them and fortunately alerted me to them before any harm. So puzzled how these can be allowed on any public lands. Regardless of the rules on trapping, the trappers put them where they please. Get them off, totally off, all public lands.

Thank you for this consideration.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Alan Shapiro

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**From:** Toby Sides [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:16:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is soooooo 1890s. Trapping with a chance of catching, and killing, an endangered animal just doesn't make any sense.  
Thanks

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Michele Downey ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:16:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is cruel and inhuman. Its a lazy way to hunt and very indiscriminate. Since the State lacks resources to regulate closely then it should be done away with.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Michele Downey

[REDACTED]

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**From:** John Roche [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:16:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

We should ban trapping completely in this state, as California has just done.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Roche

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Samuel Bawcum [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:15:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Samuel Bawcum

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[REDACTED]

**From:** William Mader [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:15:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I'm a New Mexico resident and have traveled extensively in the state as well as the southwest. I'm a former hunter and wildlife biologist. Trapping in the Old West was one thing, but that time has passed. Trapping and snaring animals unless an individual is a known killer (then get a permit) should be outlawed. It is cruel and unnecessary. I've seen what traps do.

Please stop commercial and recreational trapping on New Mexico's public lands.

Thank you.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

William Mader

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**From:** Andrea Kitson ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:16:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

STOP THE INSANITY OF TRAPPING INNOCENT WILDLIFE IN THEIR HABITAT! I am against this cruel as well as inhumane sport. It is not necessary for this commercial and recreational trapping just so the rich assholes can hang a trophy on their wall! Our Native Americans never trapped or hunted this way. They lived on the land as well as with the land. They showed respect and thankfulness to the wildlife that fed them. They never killed for sport. Why do the people who trap this way think that it acceptable practice? Please stop this insane practice of killing our wildlife.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Andrea Kitson

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**From:** Vicky Oreilly [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:13:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping and people don't mix

And stop all trapping of wildlife please

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Vicky Oreilly

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Renee Lauzon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:13:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is inhumane and totally unnecessary and I strongly oppose recreational and commercial trapping on public lands. Wildlife deserve protection and traps also pose a grave risk to humans, dogs, and unintended wildlife who may be passing through lands. We must be stewards of the land and wildlife who depend on it to survive.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Renee Lauzon

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Joann Bethel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:13:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joann Bethel

4305 Dancing Ground Rd

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**From:** Monica Steensma [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:12:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Animal traps that involve metal jaws snapping shut on the legs and other body parts of their prey are DESPICABLE instruments of prolonged torture, maiming, and an agonizing death for any animal, wild or domestic captured by this vile, vastly inhumane devices!!!!!! The fact that humans are perfectly willing to inflict such pain and suffering on defenseless, harmless animals, and the occasional human child or adult who blunders into one of these, is a galactic level indictment of the VAST capacity for savagery and endless cruelty inherent in our bloodthirsty species!!!

These dreadful, hateful, and barbaric beyond words

torture instruments MUST BE BANNED NOW!!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Monica Steensma

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**From:** Carolyn Kelly [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:11:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kelly

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Barbara Basler ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:10:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The land belongs to the public and wildlife. Stop the tiny minority of trappers from endangering people and valued wildlife. Enough!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Barbara Basler

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**From:** Maria Aragon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:09:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Aside from the genuine need for our wild animals to be left in peace upon our public lands, traps are dangerous for domestic animals. Frankly, if one of my dogs was hurt or killed by a trap, I would sue the trapper.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Maria Aragon

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**From:** Denise Chavez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:09:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Denise Chavez

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**From:** Jennifer Koval [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:08:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Koval

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**From:** Robert Gaines [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:07:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I'm a hunter and backpacker. Obviously I don't object to shooting and killing animals quickly, but I do object to killing them slowly. When I was 12 or 13 and wounded a jack rabbit, I had to beat them to death with a rock because the adult who taught me to hunt wouldn't countenance wasting a shot. Watching an animal die slowly horrified me then and does now.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Robert Gaines

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**From:** Laura G [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:13:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The public land belongs to all of us and is the home to the wildlife that lives there. We have no right to brutalize wildlife in their home any more than we would want them to hunt us in our home. The planet is for all of us including creatures that live on these lands. Let the live freely!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Laura G

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**From:** Rebecca Harwood ([REDACTED]) >  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:07:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please stop this vicious activity. We should be better than that.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Harwood

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**From:** Rosie Wright [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:06:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rosie Wright

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Phil Grossblatt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:07:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is cruel, and also dangerous to domestic animals and humans, and has no place in our public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Phil Grossblatt

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**From:** Joni Lebens [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:06:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please stop trapping on our tax payer land. Inhumane to our beautiful wild life.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joni Lebens

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**From:** Judy Hartline ( [REDACTED] )  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:05:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are often set and then forgotten about or rarely checked. This leaves the public at risk of accidentally stepping into one of these horrendous devices. Additionally, they are inhumane - doing nothing short of torturing the animals being ?hunted.? Please end the practice of allowing these unnecessary and dangerous traps on public lands.

Thank you.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Judy Hartline

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**From:** Joyce Casey ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:04:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joyce Casey

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**From:** Diane Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:02:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Diane Smith

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**From:** Stefani Zirger [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:02:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

New Mexico is the land of enchantment not have the public mix in with with cruelty to Gods creatures. Land developing is running these creatures out of THEIR domains.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Stefani Zirger

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**From:** K Kagel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:02:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This trapping is barbaric and inhuman. Vote for decency Ban ALL trapping-no creature suffering. Please vote from your heart - Ban AllTrapping Now!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

K Kagel

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**From:** Heidi Smith ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:02:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Heidi Smith

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**From:** Ann Neef ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:12:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ann Neef

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**From:** Les Field [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:00:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Les Field

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**From:** C Scott Bennett [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:00:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps, like poisons, can not tell the difference between the target animal and someone's beloved companion animal or a non targeted wild animal. I am an active hunter and fisherman but I don't support trapping.

Thank you,

C. Scott Bennett

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

C Scott Bennett

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**From:** Barry Weinstock [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:00:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I think the game commissioners should be trapped.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Barry Weinstock

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**From:** Rhonda Berger [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:11:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are cruel + inhumane! We r supposed to take care of G-d's creatures, not torture them!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Berger

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**From:** Ann Neef [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:10:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is an outdated method of hunting that needs to be abolished. It is cruel, inhuman, and unnecessary. Please outlaw on our public lands and I hope eventually, outlawed all together.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ann Neef

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**From:** Allison Gentile [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:07:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It's hard for me to believe we still allow the use of these cruel, barbaric traps, especially since they catch so many animals who aren't even being targeted. I can't imagine the suffering animals go through once they're caught. I've read they'll gnaw their own paws off to escape. Please stop all trapping in our state.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Allison Gentile

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**From:** Barbara Swyden [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:06:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Barbara Swyden

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**From:** K West [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:48:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping has been banned in over 80 international countries, yet it is common here in the West. I think we can afford to advance to modern times. Never have wildlife been under so much pressure due to loss of habitat and contamination of our natural environment. Please don't allow torture to their troubles,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

K West

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**From:** Sharon Dogruel ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:04:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There is absolutely no reason that New Mexicans need to trap animals on public lands since the skins of trapped animals are no longer anywhere marketable and the meat from trapped animals is useless. This is completely senseless and endangers the public and domestic animals that are victims of this nonsense. Stop this immediately.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sharon Dogruel

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**From:** Carey McDonald [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:57:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is a cruel and inhumane practice that needs to stop completely. Please let NM be known for its compassion and respect for all life.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carey McDonald

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**From:** Sean Mount [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:53:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sean Mount

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**From:** Philip Milstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:48:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Philip Milstein

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**From:** Marena Drlik [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:39:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I believe that trapping is a cruel way to kill animals and that the fur trade has no place on New Mexico public lands. Fur trading is a form of commerce that has too long out lasted the changes in science, conscience, and stewardship we have experienced in our modern world. It is time for this form of hunting to end. Please prohibit any recreational and/or commercial trapping on all public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Marena Drlik

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**From:** Jonathan Brinkerhoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:34:41 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The risk to hikers and their pets outweighs any claims made by trapping advocates. Hunting is fine, trapping is not.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Brinkerhoff

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**From:** Pat Duncan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:32:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

No traps on public lands period.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Pat Duncan

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**From:** Joan Rogers [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:31:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

My Search-and-Rescue dog was caught in a trap, near a well-used trail. It didn't do permanent damage, but it was very traumatic for her. Later, I heard of a number of other dogs who had also been caught in traps. Leg traps are inhumane for any animal, and I would very much like to see them made illegal on all public land. There are more humane traps made for animals that need to be relocated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joan Rogers

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joan Rogers

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Bryan Romkey [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:30:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

My dogs have been caught in leg hold traps. Stop all trapping now!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Bryan Romkey

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[REDACTED]



**From:** Carol Benson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:27:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is just too brutal and ugly for words. That these traps can catch domestic animals and even a preoccupied person! makes it doubly inhumane

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carol Benson

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**From:** Martha Abatuno [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:47:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

i personally had to help a friend release her dog from a trap on public lands. It remains one of the most traumatic experiences of my lifetime. If the dog's leg had not been small and thin the trap would have broken its leg and I doubt we wd hv been able to release it from the anonymously set trap. The practice is cruel, inhumane, and has no place on our shared public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Martha Abatuno

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Steve Hanes [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:25:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I am an avid hiker and often deviate off trail to explore, find shortcuts, and hike in remote areas of the state. I am fearful of my dog or myself being injured by a trap. I also value NM wildlife and would rather see animals than traps. Traps are dangerous and do not belong on public land. Please stop the trapping on public lands in our state.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Best Regards,

Steve Hanes

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Steve Hanes

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**From:** David Morrison [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:23:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping restrictions need to be increased due to pet owners increased recreational use in NM.

Trapping restrictions need to be increased due to increasing number of species facing increasing threats such as climate change.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Morrison

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**From:** Moriah Williams [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:19:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Moriah Williams

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**From:** Emily Rothman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:16:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Emily Rothman

[REDACTED]

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**From:** E Scantlebury [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:16:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

E Scantlebury

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**From:** Michelle Tan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:15:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Let's keep public lands public.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Michelle Tan

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**From:** Lynn Olson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:15:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There are too many people, too many domestic animals and too few wild ones in the woods in this day and age to use these incredibly cruel devices. Stop it everywhere.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Lynn Olson

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[REDACTED]

**From:** James Fydrych [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:14:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Leg traps are cruel to wildlife and dangerous to humans. Please ban leg traps.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

James Fydrych

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Joanne Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:13:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please stop the inhumane trapping.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joanne Harris

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**From:** Jane Sawina [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:13:17 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jane Sawina

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Arnold Farley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:46:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is very important to keep hunting and trapping separate from the public access lands. Thank you

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Arnold Farley

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Dorothy Moloney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:11:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps and snares are cruel, indiscriminate and exploitative of our wildlife. They have no place on public land.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Moloney

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**From:** Richard Epstein [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 07:11:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping where the public can encounter the traps is very dangerous. One time a dog I had got caught in a trap. It was a big trap. He was howling and I went to get him out. I had no idea how traps work, so I couldn't figure out how to open it. I pried open the jaws of the trap with my hands, and my dog got his paw out but my finger got caught in the jaws as they closed. I could not open the trap. Finally, after about 5 minutes or more I figured out how to open the trap with the levers with my feet. I went to the emergency room of the hospital and almost lost a finger. There is no good reason for using traps in the face of such dangers. Consider also children.

Thank you, Dr. Richard L. Epstein

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Richard Epstein

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**From:** Robert Pierce [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:59:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Robert Pierce

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**From:** Artie Alfreds [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:51:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I abhor the cruel trapping of any animal.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Artie Alfreds

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Evalyn Bemis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:50:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is the 21st century. There is no place for commercial trapping anymore - fake fur is available in spades for anyone who still thinks they are more impressive adorned in such. And recreational? Can there really be such a thing that requires inordinate suffering and cruelty to animals?

Lastly, for these very small numbers of trappers who insist they are upholding a tradition or putting their kids through college by trapping, I apologize but still say phooey. Wildlife on public lands is a public trust, and not to be harvested by the few for private consumption.

The day is coming when the public will demand an end to trapping in New Mexico; at the least on public lands. You can be the heroes who recognize where we are headed and make the rule changes or be the ones afraid to take meaningful action. Your choice.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Evalyn Bemis

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**From:** Richard Khanlian [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:50:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping may have been justified when New Mexico was a sparsely populated frontier, but it is a cruel anachronism now.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Richard Khanlian

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**From:** Caren Garcia [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:43:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please understand that your concern is appreciated, but I believe the measure does not go far enough to address real concerns about wildlife endangered by cruel, outdated traps. Traps are indiscriminate, they don't know who or what has triggered them. This fact alone is good reason to ban their use on public lands.

Thank you for hearing my views on this issue.

Caren Garcia

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Caren Garcia

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**From:** Jan Avent [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:43:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please prohibit trapping on public lands so I can enjoy seeing animals in their habitats. As a bird watcher and hiker, I expect to hike without fear of stumbling upon a trap or snare and to ensure that my greyhound will not be harmed. Trapping is inhumane and it is not the image I want others to have about New Mexicans.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Susan Sita [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:43:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Susan Sita

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**From:** Rose Busterna ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:42:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rose Busterna

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**From:** Robert Fischhoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:46:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Robert Fischhoff

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**From:** Alexandra Mirabal [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:36:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Mirabal

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**From:** Andrew Abate [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:36:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Andrew Abate

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Randy Kenyon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:32:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It's an outdated, inhumane practice that needs to be outlawed!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Randy Kenyon

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Madeline Aron [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:32:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Causing animals to suffer for monetary gain or fun(so-called "recreation") is disgusting and immoral. It is a known fact that lack of empathy for animals extrapolates to lack of empathy fellow humans.

May you have the integrity to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Madeline Aron

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Madeline Aron

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**From:** Karin Turro [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:31:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I spend a lot of time in the NM wilderness riding my horse and fly-fishing. I am aware and concerned by the absence of many of the wildlife I used to see 10-15 years ago. There were beaver ponds on many high country streams, Santa Barbara, Rio Medio, El Provenir, Rio Cebolla to name just a few. I have not seen beavers in years or run into a badger for over a decade. Could this be because of over-trapping? I think so. I would like to see more trapping restrictions and accountability for other animals caught in traps by mistake.

Concerned, Karin Turro

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Karin Turro

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**From:** Roger Southward [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:31:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Roger Southward

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carol Newton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:30:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is incredibly cruel and harmful to the ecosystem.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carol Newton

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**From:** Jacqueline Duke [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:27:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Such beautiful creatures suffering in a trap, dying of starvation or chewing off a foot to escape is simply unbearable. Please ban all trapping and let trappers know that it is not virtuous to kill in such a manner.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Duke

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**From:** David Mccoy [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:27:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Mccoy

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**From:** Laura Ramirez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:25:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

My personal thoughts are these: It is unfortunate that we, the human race, said to have evolved and become a superior living being can use traps and snares! This is cruel, torture, and inhumane! This makes me ponder who the real ?animals? are. Stop the senseless torture and killing of our precious wildlife, pets, and us!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Laura Ramirez

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Julie Valdez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:43:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Julie Valdez

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Michael New [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:24:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This trapping thing is so out of sync with any respectable behaviors. When there was abundant game, and frontiers to occupy, it made sense. Now it is just wanton cruelty for the sake of killing. Wake up! it is not 1900 anymore.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Michael New

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Charles Callahan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:23:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping for profit isn't just obscene, it's also obsolete, unless your purpose is to have a photo of you, smiling, with one of your boots on the head of a dead cougar.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Charles Callahan

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**From:** Jeri Oliver [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:23:14 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jeri Oliver

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**From:** Jeff Pfohl [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:22:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pfohl

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Erika Wanenmacher [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:21:34 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Erika Wanenmacher

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**From:** Susan Holman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:18:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Susan Holman

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**From:** Edward Leblanc [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:17:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

When hiking on public land, I sometimes venture away from established trails, and I worry about traps that could hurt me, my children or domestic animals. I worry about traps indiscriminately catching non-target animals, especially endangered or protected species.

Trapping may have been defensible a hundred years ago, but it is simply not consistent with our modern society, and environment.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Edward Leblanc

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Katie Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:17:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Katie Johnson

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Jaune Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:12:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Why do people need to trap foxes, bobcats, badgers, wolves--there is no good reason further the danger to our household pets and ourselves puts all of us at risk. We need our natural world. Humans are devastating all of it.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jaune Smith

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Richard Prosapio ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:11:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This kind of thing has gone on long enough. Let's move New Mexico into the 21st century and let us become a trap-free state. We need the positive P.R. Let us stop being last on every positive list and be FIRST for a change...for us and for our wonderful wildlife!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Richard Prosapio

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Wanda Roach [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:42:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Wanda Roach

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**From:** Karla Larsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:08:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Karla Larsen

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jessica Jakubanis [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:05:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jessica Jakubanis

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Gloria Constantin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:04:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gloria Constantin

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**From:** Susan Jory [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 06:01:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Susan Jory

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**From:** Patricia Heck [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:59:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

New Mexico depends on tourists. They consider leg hold traps barbaric. That's not the image that attracts them.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Patricia Heck

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Pamela Quay [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:57:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The image, the idea, the thought of any living being suffering so much pain by being caught in a trap breaks my heart and diminishes my faith in the dignity of humans as caretakers of the Earth.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Pamela Quay

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jacqueline Cardona [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:49:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Cardona

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Diane Bloom [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:48:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The public lands are the domain of the public. To safeguard against any and all injuries no traps must be allowed

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Diane Bloom

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**From:** Barbara Rivers [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:45:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There is no humane reason we should allow trapping to continue. It is cruel for any animal to die that way.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rivers

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**From:** Glenn Yocum [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:41:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Glenn Yocum

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Evan Mchale [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:37:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping animals is cruelty hiding behind some other purpose. What is the PURPOSE of trapping?? To exploit the wild animals for It profit and with the extra benefit of satisfying our own cruelty thrown in? How base we are! Please do the right ting and stop this barbaric sport. Trapping animals so they suffer needlessly in traps of WRONG? What is going on here in New Mexico our beautiful Land of Enchantment? These animal do not even have a fighting chance against us. We are losing them and other life forms at alarming rate. We have to take care of them for generations to come. Thank you for reading my note and please, please vote against barbaric and cruel Trapping of animals for no good purpose but to make them suffer. Evan McHale

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Evan Mchale

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**From:** Cynthia Edney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:39:03 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Edney

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**From:** Diane Staynet [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:38:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

None of God's creatures deserves to be tortured. It makes Him weep.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Diane Staynet

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**From:** Sue Barnum [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:35:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sue Barnum

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**From:** Dawn Czapski [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:34:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

These animals are sentient beings with feelings. It is extremely cruel to trap them. It is the people who do this that I think need to be trapped as they do not have any conscience and are dangerous.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Dawn Czapski

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**From:** Evalinda Walrack [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:32:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

These proposals are inadequate and New Mexico cannot allow unlimited killing of any "furbearing" species like foxes, bobcats and badgers. Wildlife species will still be caught by mistake, including endangered animals like the Mexican wolf. The by-catch of unintended species like javelina, cougars, bears, squirrels, porcupines and birds will still go unrecorded and uncounted. Trappers will still not be held liable if a canine companion is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog. That is wrong and not responsible wildlife management. A full ban on leg-hold traps and limits along with full reporting is responsible management. Live traps would be the answer - why is that not the solution?

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Evalinda Walrack

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**From:** George Kunkle [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:31:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Recent accounts of peoples' pets being caught and killed in these traps are extremely upsetting. I can't imagine being out for a nice hike with my dog and having this happen.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

George Kunkle

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**From:** Don Parsons [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:31:31 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are archaic and cruel. Ban them now!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Don Parsons

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**From:** Brita Sauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:30:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Brita Sauer

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**From:** Anita Walsh [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:29:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping and the public don't mix, and we are talking about trapping on 'Public Lands'. You cannot designate that endangered species 'are not to be taken'... traps are indiscriminate and will take anything or anyone who unintentionally steps on them or are attracted to their bait. It is ludicrous to forbid the 'taking' of endangered species, (house pets, exuberant children ) when traps will 'take whatever comes near. This is terrifying to the 'public' and unintended damage has already been done as evinced by all the three legged dogs around, as well as the silently tossed endangered species. This is a travesty. Traps are the absolute cruelest way to 'take' an animal, and for the pennies paid in trapping licenses, the trappers get thousands for the skin of inhumanely taken animals. Only the tiniest portion of the public are trappers and they are keeping the majority of the public from the free and unafraid enjoyment of the public lands which belong to them. Millions of dollars are made in tourism due to the natural beauty of this state. Keep the cruel trapping of innocent creatures for the enrichment of the very few... off of public lands, and let us, and those who visit, enjoy them once again.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Anita Walsh

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**From:** Santiago Perez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:28:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Stop trapping fur-bearing animals, such as, bobcats, cougars, etc.; there is no place for any of that any more. Animals need to be allowed to survive in their habitats without this added threat to their survival. It is unconscionable for human beings to consider themselves the most important species and to kill any other animals. Ranchers and farmers need to secure their animals more closely; they need to ride herd; they need to sheep herd or watch their animals closer and run off predators, not kill them.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Santiago Perez

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**From:** Deborah L. Hall [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:34:39 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Hall

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**From:** Nicki Marx [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:25:45 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Nicki Marx

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**From:** Sharron Dishongh [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:25:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I have been hiking on public lands in the past and had the misfortune for my dog to get her paw caught in a trap. This was very traumatic to my dog and me. Not only is it cruel for domestic pets, it is also cruel for wildlife.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sharron Dishongh

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**From:** Melissa Fagan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:18:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Melissa Fagan

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**From:** John Davis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:17:51 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Davis

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**From:** Susan Mackin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:17:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Don't allow abuse of God's creatures!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Susan Mackin

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**From:** Timothy Nero [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:16:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Timothy Nero

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**From:** Karen Kahn [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:14:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is unnecessary and is beyond cruel. We are better than this. And even though there are people who don't care about animals at all, we should care. And if someone is ranching on public land, they need to do more work to provide ways to protect their cattle or stop ranching on my land.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Karen Kahn

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**From:** Bruce Donnell ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:12:36 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There are so many reasons that trapping has no place on New Mexico's public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Bruce Donnell

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**From:** Deborah Risberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:10:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are indiscriminate in the species that they trap and are SO cruel and inhumane! Let's lead the way as humane New Mexicans and end this cruel practice!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Deborah Risberg

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**From:** Charles Leavitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:09:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Charles Leavitt

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[REDACTED] individual associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at [core.help@sierraclub.org](mailto:core.help@sierraclub.org) or (415) 977-5500 for more information.

**From:** Todd Monson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 08:55:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Todd Monson

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**From:** Susan Thompson ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:16:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rules

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I am highly opposed to trapping animals and using animal fur.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Susan Thompson

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**From:** J. Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:40:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] My opposition to the New Mexico trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The risks posed by commercial and recreational trapping on public lands in New Mexico to people and their pets should be enough reason for prohibition of trapping. However, I personally find the most egregious aspect of commercial and recreational trapping is the abject cruelty to the targeted animals. Even if the rules are followed to the letter the impact on individual wild animals are undeniably cruel and inhumane.

There are rare, extenuating circumstances that might justify limited trapping. However, the existing rule and the proposed rule allow nearly indiscriminate trapping on public lands that drastically affects the people who aspire to enjoy their public lands, their pets, and, most often, wildlife. The justification for continuing to allow commercial and recreational trapping is difficult if not impossible to accept.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

J. Brown

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**From:** Geoffrey Gorman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:14:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please end trapping on my NM public lands

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I oppose the torture of any animal. Trapping is just this, torture. Imagine what these innocent creatures must go through when they find themselves caught in one of these devices. Panic. I do not like to picture this, yet I see the photos and am sickened. How can we still condone such medieval acts as passable in our current society? It is our job as humans to protect the earth and its creatures, not torture them.

Please make NM a trap free state, let us have something to be proud of!

I hike with my dogs on public lands. I fear that myself or one of the dogs will be caught in one of these traps.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Gorman

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**From:** Mary Cord [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:43:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Stop trapping on public lands

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

We must stop this inhumane practice.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mary Cord

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**From:** Shirley Montano [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 04:47:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Stop Trapping on Public Lands

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I am a real person. I care about the Trapping rules in our state and every state as well. As for NM, I am asking that there be no trapping either recreational trapping or commercial trapping on public land. This land belongs to all, including the animals. The current proposal doesn't seem to have any limits on the trapping of forbearing species. Also, Many species would be in danger of "accidentally" getting trapped. Animals like the Mexican wolf. Trappers need to be held accountable if a dog or human is injured when encountering these traps.

Please listen to us.

Sincerely,

Ms. Montano

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Shirley Montano

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**From:** Elizabeth Wiseman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 05:09:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please, please understand . . . trapping is not only cruel to the wildlife that suffers for days in pain once trapped, but it is dangerous for people too. Please do the compassionate and responsible thing, and end trapping in New Mexico! Thank you for your time.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wiseman

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**From:** DuCharme, Sandra, DGF  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 09:10:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** Additional travel receipts

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Hello, Commissioner Lopez –

Good morning. I have your lodging receipt and was wondering if you will be dropping off additional receipts for the Commission meeting?

Thank you.



**Sandra C. DuCharme**



## CONSERVING NEW MEXICO'S WILDLIFE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:35:24 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Game Commissioners,

I am writing as one person of the 70% of the public polled in New Mexico who oppose trapping on public lands. As representatives of the public interest, I urge you to oppose trapping on public lands because of its cruelty, its indiscriminate killing of non-target species, its drain on wildlife, and its dangers to people and pets on public lands. We are living through the sixth great extinction, and pressures on wildlife have never been greater. Please remove this cruel and unnecessary pressure by banning traps on public lands.

Sincerely, Anne Haven McDonnell

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**From:** LWren Walraven <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:30:36 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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To Whom it May Concern:

As a wildlife artist, birdwatcher, hiker, outdoor enthusiast, and wildlife advocate I am highly disturbed that there is still trapping allowed on public lands in NM. It is a cruel and barbaric practice and I cannot believe that it is still going on. These traps maim and kill non targeted animals that are not to be hunted. This included endangered species and domestic animals including pets.

The fact that it happens on public lands is dangerous to kids, dogs, and hikers.

The price a trapper pays is far too low for being able to kill as many furbearers as they want. Trappers not paying gross receipt taxes means the practice in no way benefits New Mexico in any way. So why is it allowed in our state? Our state is better than this, and we need do the right thing and rid our lands of this horrible cruelty.

Thank you,

Wren

LWren Walraven

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**From:** Palin Wiltshire [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:20:51 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Hi,

Please know that as a long time resident of New Mexico, I am adamantly against trapping of any kind.

I work in the tourist trade and this cruel practice of killing by trapping is barbaric and antiquated. It almost makes us look like a third world country.

We need to step up and take care of our fragile wildlife and ecosystems. Not cruelly trap and kill wildlife for fur, which is becoming taboo in educated circles.

California just became the first state in the nation to completely ban fur, the processing and sale of it.

Please consider what really is going to be the future.

You can start by outlawing trapping altogether.

Sincerely,

Palin Wiltshire

[REDACTED]

**From:**



**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:27:39 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I think it is very dangerous to put traps on public lands. It is a barbaric way to kill small animals and they are not immediately killed and suffer for hours or longer. The trappers need find another methods of making a living. The next generation will be eliminating this methods. So good now to get them new ways of making money. Many designers are eliminating fur from their fashions.

Thank you for your efforts.

Best

Therese

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Jeff Huser [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:36:39 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Game Commissioner,

I am a long time user of forest trails in NM and I strongly oppose trapping on public lands it is hazardous and barbaric and has no place in civilized society.

Regards

Jeff Huser, MD

[REDACTED]

**From:** Sarah Grant [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:47:39 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Game Commissioners,

I vote and I oppose public lands animal trapping. If animals are trapped and not found quickly, they suffer a painful, long death. I would not knowingly wish that on anyone. Would you?

Thanks for considering the advantages of a ban on animal trapping. It will serve us and our animal friends.

Thank-you.

Sarah Grant

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**From:** Cheryl Hastings [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:31:09 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Our New Mexico wildlife belongs to all of us, not the few trappers who pay rediculously small fees to profit financially from fur animals.

Why not protect these animals when they are a big draw for our tourism industry -which generates much more revenue for the state. Trapping for fur just doesn't make sense.

Cheryl Hastings

[REDACTED] NM

**From:** Deborah Williamson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:14:35 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners:

I spend every waking hour outside when not at work- time on public lands. I have four small rescue terriers, all under 20 lbs. Please ban traps from public lands period. We know many are not marked and are close to trails- anyone including small children and household pets can be injured or die as a result of a trapping accident. Its the right thing to do for New Mexicans and the tourists who visit the state. Its time to let go of the antiquated.

Thank you.

Dr. Deborah Williamson

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Paula Zima [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:20:31 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Commissioners,

Please, trapping is inhumane, it is indiscriminate, traps catch our pet dogs, could easily trap a stray child, not to mention the pain and fear it causes the trapped animals. Please, listen to the people who are asking you to stop this practice.

The pro-trappers will say things like: it's a great way to make extra money; it's a fun after school activity; it's a great way for our children to learn to be responsible, to have a job; we need to trap to protect our livestock.

None of those statements take in to account the pain and suffering trapping, particularly with steel jaw traps, to hikers, to the domestic pets caught in the traps on our public lands, and to the wildlife.

Thank you for opting for humane.

Paula Zima

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**From:** VICTORIA LINEHAN [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:23:02 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear Game Commission,

Your proposed minimal changes are not acceptable. Not acceptable. Traps should be banned from all public lands in New Mexico. I do not feel you are hearing the public's request. This ban is long overdue. Please be progressive.

Respectfully,  
Victoria Linehan  
[REDACTED] NM



**From:** Elizabeth Billups [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:16:14 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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To NM Game Commissioners,

Public lands are for the public! It is unfair to allow indiscriminate trapping by a few that profit off these actions. Anyone can get hurt! It is a cruel, outdated practice. This needs to end now.

Thank you

Elizabeth Billups

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Charlene Brash-Sorensen [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:07:27 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd11.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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As an avid hiker on New Mexico public lands, and a dog owner, I strongly encourage you to support legislation that would end trapping on ALL public lands in our state. The profit of a tiny number of tappers cannot justify the suffering they cause to unimaginable numbers of wildlife. As Gandhi said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

**From:** Jean-Paul Chevalier [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:11:53 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF

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Trapping is cruel and inhumane. Let's get New Mexico out of the dark ages and do the right thing.

Jean-Paul Chevalier

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**From:** Stephanie Kaylan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:28:00 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I am writing to you all once again because there was a problem with the original link.

You cannot fault me for being passionate.

Waaaay too many innocent ones (including adults, CHILDREN & ALL animals) are caught by these traps.

It MUST stop & HAS TO STOP -----NOW! Period.

I am so sick & tired of humans turning their hearts & heads away from the situations, sweeping them under the rug.

Well,.....there are too many "lumps under the rugs" now.

We can all see this.

The "lumps" cannot be hidden anymore.

Why don't you all show this state, this country & the WORLD that New Mexico CAN & DO make & create positive actions that can help us ALL for the better!

Thank you

SGMKJ

**From:** fiona mgh [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:10:46 PM  
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Hello All:

Another trapping season is looming in New Mexico after last year's saw at least two dogs killed, a handful of others injured, and untold thousands of native wildlife trapped and skinned for their fur.

Unfortunately, our new Game Commissioners do not seem to grasp the gravity of the situation nor understand that nearly 70% of New Mexicans oppose trapping entirely. While a public lands trapping ban (like [Roxy's Law](#)) is the best way to stop the cruelty and risk to public safety, our commissioners instead are entertaining an inadequate [set of changes](#) to the rule, including:

- Closing *only 0.5%* of New Mexico's public land to most traps.
- Increasing setbacks from trailheads, *but not from trails or roads*.
- Adopting a year-round season for raccoons and nutria.
- *Increasing* trap check times for underwater traps.

These minor changes aren't going to fly. New Mexicans want and deserve traps OFF of public lands.

Please - we can do better!

Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife.

MG Harman

**From:** Diana [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:05:34 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
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Dear Commissioners,

Please bring New Mexico into the modern and humane era by banning all traps for game.

It astonishes me that this kind of trapping is allowed in this day and age, especially on public lands. To expose wild and domestic animals, not to mention people, to this menace, and its cruel approach to animals, is beyond belief. Please stop this practice immediately.

Sincerely,

Diana K. McDonald, PhD

New Mexico

**From:** GEORGE LORNA WILKES RUEBELMANN [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:05:12 PM

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Game and Fish Commissioners,

Please listen to your public and ban all traps on public lands. We have been working on getting this done for ten years after the deaths of dogs and biodiversity needed to save all species.

Lorna and George Ruebelmann  
[REDACTED] New Mexico

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**From:** BRUCE [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 03:59:23 PM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd20.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear All,

Please ban traps from all of New Mexico's public lands. They are cruel, they are indiscriminate and upset the balance of nature.

Sincerely,

Bruce Donnell



**From:** Charlene- Kevin McDermott-Cottage [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 03:56:12 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd12.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please end the needless suffering. Thank you. Dr. . A. Charlene Mcdermott

**From:** Isolde Wait [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:20:18 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Good morning!

I am asking the NM Game Commission to ban trapping on ALL of our public lands. You must know that traps are cruel, inhumane and indiscriminate. I am asking the Commission to not give in to a minority of

people and special interest groups even though I am told that you get paid by using trapping fees. I believe you could do better by asking the legislature to fund your agency.

People in America do NOT wear fur and this country does not need to export fur but be a frontrunner against animal cruelty.

Ban ALL traps on OUR public lands! Thank you. Taxpayer Isolde Wait.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Leslie Dimmick [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:20:04 AM  
**To:** Joanna.Prokop@state.nm.us; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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-257 ? Dear Madams and Sirs:

In a world where human behavior has contributed to rapid decline (near 50% since 1970) of wildlife, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and insects do we really need to support another cruel method of slaughter inherent in their extinction? The vast majority of your constituents cherish these living creatures, please know our hearts and minds and do not pander to the few vociferous relics whose idea of fun is indiscriminate torture and prolonged death. Ban trapping. It is the right thing to do.

Respectfully,

Leslie R. Dimmick  
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**From:** kathleen matta [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:10:37 AM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd07.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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?Public lands belong to the public. That would be me. Trapping is an unsafe activity on "public" lands. Anyone or any animal can

be caught in a trap. UNSAFE!! The majority of New Mexicans oppose trapping on "public" lands. You represent "we the people"

of New Mexico. Please represent the majority regarding trapping! Please support our environment!

## The Troubles with Public Lands Trapping

Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.

Trapping is a **drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Thank you.

Kathleen Matta

[REDACTED], NM

**From:** karen lunt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:52:15 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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A complete ban on trapping is what your citizens want. Why is New Mexico so far behind the other states in ethical legislation?! Please do the right thing. sincerely Karen Lunt

Sent from my iPad

**From:** joan woodruff [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:16:26 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Greetings. I have a small ranch in the Abo, New Mexico area. Traps left on nearby BLM properties have caused disastrous suffering to both domestic pets (dogs and cats), legal grazing animals and wildlife. In years past a friend lost a calf to a trap. I have had deer dragging bleeding stumps through snow, last year had a cat who dragged himself home with bleeding crushed remainder of his leg. He survived, the vet bill was well over 1000 dollars, and he lost shoulder and leg. Have had neighbors lose dogs who were caught in traps. Ten years ago my neighbors helped me capture an emaciated bob cat who was still dragging the trap. The bob cat had to be killed, it was both emaciated and had gangrene. These are disastrous endings to innocent animals. Please ban these traps. Traps are tools of cruelty. We are better than this.

Joan Leslie Woodruff

POB 687

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**From:** Deborah Stark [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:25:48 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban all traps from our lands. The use of these primitive, cruel devices should be a thing of history. There is no need for them or necessary function in today's world. They are agents of cruelty and suffering for any and all that are caught, including domestic animals. We absolutely should be above the use of this archaic device.

Please make it illegal and ban the use! Help us to step forward into the 21st century with greater compassion and awareness.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Stark

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**From:** Leah Gibbons [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:29:49 AM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd02.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I hike often on public lands with my dog and my grandchildren. Please protect them from getting caught in one of these inhumane traps. And save our precious wildlife from torturous deaths.

Thank you.

Leah Gibbons



**From:** Elsie Sandford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:27:40 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I read about the set of changes you are considering for trapping in New Mexico. I see that you don't understand the wishes of New Mexicans. The minor changes you are entertaining are inadequate to protect our public lands, trails, roads and places where the we New Mexicans frequently access for daily use or pleasure.

We don't want or need trapping on public lands, trails or roads. There should be no year-round seasons for any animals in New Mexico, and where traps are allowed, there must be frequent, at least daily, checking of the traps. If trappers can't abide these reasonable limits, they should not be allowed to trap at all.

All New Mexicans have a right to enjoy our public access places free of the danger of traps to our children, our pets, and ourselves. These rights should always come before any 'right' of those that intend to trap animals for personal gain. Public lands are for public use. Trapping is not in any way in the interest of the public.

Thank you for your reconsideration on these issues.

Sincerely,

Elsie Sandford

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**From:** Ursula Freer [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:29:47 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please help stop this cruel and inhumane practice!

NM should be an example to all!

Ursula Freer  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Phyllis Dorough [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:01:09 AM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please, please get these barbaric traps barred from NM Public Lands. Hopefully barred everywhere.

Phyllis Dorough

**From:** Fred Weinhagen [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:52:07 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I am one of those who began opposing trapping in the early nineties. I still believe that the time is long past to abolish this practice. Our wildlife, our pets, hikers, etc. would all benefit.

This is a cruel and unnecessary method of killing. For what purpose?

Please begin to slowly phase out this practice.

Dianne Maughan

[REDACTED] NM

**From:** Carl Hansen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:35:05 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Commissioner's,

Its time to completely ban the use of Leg Hold traps on all public lands, they cause undue pain and suffering for wild animals, pets and potentially people. There are non lethal ways to deal with nuisance animals.

Massachusetts banned the leg hold trap on all lands back in 1997 and the law still stands, that's 22 years ago.

Thank you for this consideration,

Carl Hansen

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**From:** Wendy Keller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:34:11 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please ban all trapping in New Mexico. A trap cannot distinguish a rabbit from a human from a family pet dog. Stop this dangerous practice. And please ban the use of snares for the same reasons. We must have safe access to all our public lands without the fear of being injured by a trap or snare.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:29:35 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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We are writing to urge a complete statewide ban on traps in New Mexico. The danger to children, hikers and their dogs is growing exponentially as the state's populations grow and access to our beautiful nature trails and wilderness is increasing. The State is positioning its tourism marketing efforts to promote our natural beauty as a recreational treasure. Their marketing efforts surely do not include a warning that traps set along hiking, biking and walking trails are as able to maim a wild animal as they are a child. Basta! it is time to stop this antiquated cruelty and understand that our natural parks and lands are there for all.

Thank you  
Claudia and Dwight Miller

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**From:** JOYCE COUSINO [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:21:16 AM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd19.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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To all of you,

Please ban all leg hold traps in New Mexico, it is the meanest, most inhumane way to kill a little animal. Sometimes peoples pets get caught up in them too , I do not understand how you can condone this severe cruelty.

Sincerely,, Joyce Cousino  
[REDACTED] New Mexico.



**From:** Jon Klingel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 01:35:52 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Joanna and Roberta,

Hope this finds you well.

In my opinion, it is long past time to get traps and snares off public land in New Mexico. The State has changed a lot during the past many decades, in terms of the number of people using public lands and the way they use it. Trapping on public land is no longer compatible.

Thanks,

Jon Klingel

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**From:** Nancy Stratton [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 08:29:29 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to take much stronger action in connection with trapping in NM. The proposal being considered by the Commission is totally inadequate. I, like over 70 percent of New Mexicans, opposed trapping entirely. It is indescribably cruel, indiscriminate, and a danger to hikers and their dogs like myself. We should no longer tolerate these archaic means of killing, *especially* on our public lands.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Sincerely, Nancy Stratton.

**From:** Gloria Graeber [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 08:15:31 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban these traps! This is a horrible experience for any animal to suffer. I've rescued cats that have lost a limb in these traps that should never have been placed.

Please do the right thing and ban them for good! Please!

*Sent from my MetroPCS 4G LTE Android device*

**From:** Denise [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 08:04:49 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please ban all trapping in new Mexico. It is cruel and unnecessary.

Since 70% of New Mexicans support a ban on trapping, why in the world would you allow this to continue?

Stop trapping NOW

Denise Jones

**From:** Puma Roja [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:54:54 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I oppose trapping on public lands for more than one reason.

First, it endangers children and small animals, including pets, that are not the target species. Some trappers have been shown to be irresponsible about where they place the traps, and injure or kill apparently carelessly.

Secondly, it is a use of public lands by a Very small special interest group, in a way not approved, and even abhorred , by us, the public, the landowners.

Third, there seems to be little or no oversight on trappers, nor is it practical, or economical. They do what they want, where they want. it seems. Let them do it on non-public land. At least less harm will be done to our publicly managed game and fur bearers.

Fourth, I have not seen a trap that is not cruel, killing an animal slowly, painfully. This is especially true, since it seems that trappers do Not check their trap lines daily. Why should the public lands provide a space for That? Every survey I have seen says the great majority of the public are appalled at this.

By the way, we are both fisherman, and have hunted.

Sincerely,

Robert and Donna Royer

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**From:** Robert Southworth [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 06:47:58 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Stop it!

**From:** Robert Southworth [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 06:46:54 AM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please put an end to this reprehensible practice.

Robert Southworth

**From:** Diane Bloom [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 06:28:33 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Why traps at all on public lands. As I am a member of the public: not in my name

Sent from my iPad



**From:** Susan Busch [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 01:33:44 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
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Please outlaw all trapping on public lands. I was raised in New Mexico and have been hiking in the forests my whole life. Now my children and grandchildren continue to hike the forests. We dont always stay on the trails but wander in the woods. It scares me to think that trapping is allowed to exist. Im not against hunting but trapping is randomly dangerous. No control over who is affected.

Please stop this from happening. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Susan Busch

**From:** Barbara Fix [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 06:05:40 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please change the regulation of traps on public lands to let folks who hike with their dogs, such as I, be able to use lands belonging to the public without fear of traps causing hideous, sudden, frenzies of torturous pain and struggle. Let us share.

Barbara Fix

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**From:** Caroline Sévilla <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 05:37:49 AM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
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Dear members :

The Game Commission is considering minor changes to the trapping rule: they are inadequate. Another trapping season is looming in New Mexico after last year's saw at least two dogs killed, a handful of others injured, and untold thousands of native wildlife trapped and skinned for their fur !

Nearly 70% of New Mexicans oppose trapping entirely. While a public lands trapping ban (like Roxy's Law) is the best way to stop the cruelty and risk to public safety, our commissioners instead are entertaining an inadequate set of changes to the rule, including :

- Closing only 0.5% of New Mexico's public land to most traps.
- Increasing setbacks from trailheads, but not from trails or roads.
- Adopting a year-round season for raccoons and nutria.
- Increasing trap check times for underwater traps.
- Minor changes aren't going to fly.

New Mexicans want and deserve traps OFF of public lands.

Traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps. Trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.

Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife.

For only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit.

- Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia.
- Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Please ban cruel and indiscriminate traps from all of New Mexico's public lands!

Sincerely,

Caroline Sévilla

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 02:14:08 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I am asking to please ban traps in New Mexico on Public Lands. They are cruel and wildlife deserves better treatment than this.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Julie Morgan  
[REDACTED]

**From:** susan selbin [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 10:51:25 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban trapping from all NM Public Lands.

This cruel and indiscriminate practice must be ended in our state.

Thank you.

Susan Selbin



Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** Thomas Deleo [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 10:48:34 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I believe animal traps are cruel and inhumane. Please pass a law to ban all traps from all New Mexico public lands. Keep our public lands safe for all animals and people.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Rosemarie DeLeo  
[REDACTED] NM

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 01:15:21 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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As a person who uses the outdoors and a business owner of mobile grooming company I have seen first hand what these barbaric traps do to our precious

wildlife and our irreplaceable pets. will you only take action after a child is caught in one don't wait til then.

As elected officials you need to ban these traps the majority should rule these barbaric practices are outdated and no longer necessary just

because our ancestors did dose not mean it is in any way a religious right or a cultural right. JUST BECAUSE WE CAN DOES NOT MEAN WE SHOULD !!

PLEASE BAN TRAPPING SAVE OUR WILDLIFE AND MAKE OUR LANDS SAFE TO USE FOR EVERYONE.

**From:** Lorie C [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 10:23:47 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban traps from all public lands. I enjoy hiking with my family -- which includes curious children and dogs. If the kids are exploring, I prefer to have the dogs with them and I would hate for anything happen if one or another came across a trap.

And you know how curious kids are!

Please, do the best you can to make public lands trap-free.

Lorie Christian  
[REDACTED]



**From:** C B [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:45:25 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd16.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban traps in New Mexico!

Thank you

**From:** GILBERT, BARBARA [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:15:25 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd05.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear Commissioners,

I respectfully ask that you protect our public lands and all of the creatures who use the public lands. Traps have no ethical reason to be placed on our public land.

Thank you for your consideration of the public's well-being.

Take care.

Very respectfully,

Barbara Gilbert  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Diana Ristenpart [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:07:24 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban trapping. This is an outrage!

Thank you,  
Diana Ristenpart

**From:** Sarah Bienvenu [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:05:27 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Commisioners and those concerned,

A few years ago I was hiking in Cerrillos and my dog was suddenly caught in a trap that someone had set. I will not go into the sad details, but I would like to say that when I did manage to free him, I left some sticks on the trap. I could not remove it because it was anchored in the ground.

Afterwards, I was shocked to find out that it was legal to place and set these traps. A week later I went out to the same area and found that the trap had not been visited because it was left with the sticks that I had left arranged over it. This seemed unconscionable to me because it was clear that whoever was allowed to set that trap was also allowed to leave it unattended. If an animal had been caught in their trap it would have most likely died an awful death over days and been worthless by the time the trap was checked , if ever.

It is not possible for me to understand why this practice is legal. Please ban traps from all of New Mexico's Public Lands.

Kind Regards,  
Sarah Bienvenu

**From:** Terri Andres [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:03:18 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please!! Ban traps from all New Mexican land! They are cruel and inhuman. I am a Native New Mexican and I believe we are better than that!

This is a heartfelt and sincere plea.

Please make this brutality end.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mrs. Teresa Andres

[REDACTED] NM

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** patricia.morrison [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 09:01:02 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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I am writing to express my sadness, animal traps on public lands are unacceptable! Public lands should be free from trapping. Please reconsider the decision to continue to allow this. Patricia Morrison [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** pamel [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:59:12 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd22.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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How uncivilized can we be in this day and age. Trapping is just cruel and inhumane. Please have the intelligence to ban traps on all New Mexico Public Lands!!!

With Gratitude,  
Pamela



Be kind, **REMOVE** my Email Address, use **BCC** when forwarding. Say **NO** to Spammers & Computer Viruses!

**From:** pamela morgan [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 12:25:58 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd18.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please make our public lands safe for our dogs. Please have stricter rules.

thank you,  
Pamela Morgan



**From:** Chris Bleich [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:16:42 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
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I support the banning of traps. My friends dog was severely injured in a trap. It makes us look backward...no need for such a barbaric tradition

I vote.

Chris Bleich

**From:** Sacha Bush [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:12:22 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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To the Commissioners:

You all have hold the power to determine whether innocent animals get caught in traps. Traps are inhumane and indiscriminate. Should the well being and lives (in Roxys case) of animals and humans who step in the traps be sacrificed for a few peoples profit?

Please thoughtfully consider and act accordingly.

Sincerely,

Sacha Bush

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** J R Ristorcelli [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:51:37 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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**From:** Kim [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:54:35 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Game Commission,

Please consider the ban on trapping on public lands in New Mexico. It is indiscriminate and profoundly cruel. Many trappers are irresponsible and leave dying animals in traps while they languish and suffer and become prey to other wildlife. New Mexico is a proud state and must take its place as a leader in the 21st century.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kim Cooke

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Diane Hughes [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:48:21 PM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd02.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Representatives,

Please ban traps on all New Mexico Public Lands!!!!

Why don't the trappers demonstrate the effects of traps on themselves? That would be equitable. I am sure they wouldn't want to be caught in a trap, even for a few minutes. Animals can't release themselves. And if Roxy's owner is to be believed, humans have difficulty opening the jaws of a trap.

Trapping is **cruel and indiscriminate**: TRAPPED ANIMALS SUFFER BEFORE THEY DIE.

Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too. CHILDREN CAN GET CAUGHT IN TRAPS

Trapping for pelts is an antiquated endeavor. There are many alternatives to a fur coat.

I respectfully request that each and all of you vote to ban traps on NM public lands.

Diane Hughes, DMD, MSD  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carol Ann Fugagli <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:48:01 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Hello,

I live in Silver City, and I love living in New Mexico. My house is a short driving distance to the Gila National Forest and my family goes hiking, backpacking and birding on a weekly basis. There isn't any other state where we would want to live.

Our wildlife is our natural resource that both residents and visitors are proud to see and we have pride knowing these animals are living their wild lives in the vast expanses on public land.

I am completely against trapping on our public lands. There is no reason or necessity for taking away this natural resource that most New Mexicans want to keep. There should be no changes to Roxy's Law and shame on us for entertaining any changes that undermine a strict trapping ban. The few people benefiting from this cruel, indiscriminate act are not reason enough to allow it to continue. Let's let the majority of voices be heard and we say 'NO!'

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Carol Ann Fugagli  
[REDACTED], New Mexico

**From:** carmen martinez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:48:03 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Please help ban traps in New Mexico. Traps are cruel to animals who get caught in them. Its such a cream and painful way for them to die.

Carmen Martinez

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Dinah Dozier [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:35:09 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Commissioners:

We would like to add our names to those New Mexicans respectfully asking you to ban traps from all of our public lands. Please consider the wishes of the overwhelming majority who abhor this cruel & unnecessary practice. It is our greatest hope that those who have the power to protect our precious natural resources will do so.

Sincerely,

Dinah & Larry Dozier

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[REDACTED]



**From:** Stephanie Kaylan <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:37:55 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Dear God---

Stop this!!!

Do your family members, yourselves & your kids need to have themselves caught in traps before y'all will finally do something?...to end this once & for all?

It's freakin' barbaric.

Stop it.

NOW!

I just don't understand.

I just don't understand.

Is someone paying y'all under the table to do his hanus act?

Stop it. NOW!

It's pitiful, ignorant, stupid & foolish.

Prayers for all the innocent ones.

SGMKJ

**From:** Yamuna Landsberg [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 12:14:57 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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- To Whom It May Concern
- Please consider the following points
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- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Thank You for your time

Yamuna Landsberg

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Dear Game Commissioners,

Please come into the 21st century. There are a few hundred people who, by indiscriminate trapping, are holding our public lands hostage and creating death traps for tourists and their animals. We are pushing tourism to Colorado and Arizona because we refuse to make our state managed lands safe. Those who absolutely must trap and poison animals can do so on privately owned lands — our state lands are for all of us, not just a fraction of one percent — to use.

It would bring more revenue and more jobs if we were to embrace the concept of New Mexico True by eliminating poisons and traps on public lands. Period.

Carolyn McElroy  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Bronwyn Poole [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:15:08 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please pass comprehensive legislation to ban trapping. It's inhumane and unnecessary.

Thanks,  
Bronwyn

Bronwyn T. Poole

[REDACTED] NM

**From:** Rita Gugliotta [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:13:01 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd06.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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To any of you with any power....please get rid of these traps on public lands. They are cruel and dangerous to animals. Lets try to live together in harmony with our wild beautiful and useful animals.....Rita Gugliotta

**From:** Krisandra Wamsley [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:01:53 PM

**To:** Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF

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I am urging you to an all trapping in New Mexico. Trapping endangers humans, pets, and wildlife. It's senseless, cruel and inhumane. We have the right to enjoy public lands without fearing for our selves and our pets safety. Wildlife deserves a place in this world, without experiencing the horrific cruelty and pain trappers ( consciousness individuals) inflict upon them.

**From:** Annmarie LaMay [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:56:49 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Dear Commissioners, as an avid and frequent user of New Mexico's public lands I respectfully request that you pass laws to prohibit trapping on any and all of our public lands. It is cruel, dangerous and immoral.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Annmarie LaMay  
[REDACTED]

Sent from Outlook

**From:** Barbara Reider [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:34:01 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF  
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Ban all traps on public lands. This is a dangerous and cruel practice.  
Barbara and Rob Reider



**From:** Kimberly Asher [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:27:59 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Traps should not be allowed on public land

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**From:** Diane Stayner [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 12:14:32 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Hello,

Please do what you can to decrease trapping. It is a horrible way to die just fir being the way God made you.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Diane Stayner RN

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**From:** Donald Cooney [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:29:57 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please ban all traps from all public state lands. They are unbelievably cruel and barbaric. Its past time to do away with such a grotesque practice that threatens wildlife as well as domestic pets and people including children. Now is the time to join the other 100 nations that have banned traps and begin to operate from a more empathetic and compassionate as well as civilized and intelligent manner.

Thank you

Donald Cooney

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:10:29 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear commissioners: I'm William Wiley: combat, decorated vet, hunter, conservative & I ask that you to ban Sport & Commercial trapping on public lands. Here is a chance for you to make a difference, to show NM is a humane state. This is a barbaric practice. We have high crime & child poverty. Show our children we are decent people. I believe you are honorable people. Please Stand up & do the right thing. Respectfully, Bill Wiley

**From:** Katya Adams [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:09:47 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd05.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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To all it may concern:

I am writing to encourage you to ban trapping from all public lands in New Mexico. Trapping is a cruel, barbaric practice that entails a slow and painful death for animals. Unlike hunting, there is no gamesmanship to trapping. Trapping also endangers humans. Public lands belong to all of us; they are also designated for the protection of nature - animals and people should feel safe on public lands.

Sincerely,

Katya Adams  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Mary Chevalier [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:06:08 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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PLEASE BAN ALL TRAPPING on public lands in our enchanting NM. While

living near the Burro Mtns I was hiking coordinator for some yrs . I

choose not to remember the heart rending experiences people came upon.

The creatures in our wild lands only have a voice through the humans who

populate these awesome lands in compassion, conscience and knowledge.

Sincerely, Mary Chevalier

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**From:** Barbara Basler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:55:10 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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The proposed measures on trapping are weak and ineffective-an insult to New Mexicans. Fully 70 percent of residents want trapping banned on all public lands! Not to do so is to give in to the tyranny of the minority and that is not fair or democratic. Whats going on here? Why no total ban? Do your jobs! Barbara Basler Santa Fe

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Rayo McCollough [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:43:35 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Trapping wild animals is a relic of the past which is incompatible with modern public land uses. Ive seen traps set on public lands within 100 feet of residences that could easily injure domestic animals, pets, and kids. I support hunting and fishing, but is cruel to wildlife and dangerous to people and their animals.

Please ban trapping on public lands in New Mexico.

Thank you,

Rayo McCollough

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**From:** Redshift-MB [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:38:27 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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The relatively new public awareness of the interdependency of the web of the web exacts from all those in authority to prevent any further damage to any species whose life is inextricably bound to our own. Maj-Britt Eagle

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Kelly Pasholk [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:24:58 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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As New Mexican citizen, part of the more than 70% of the population who think trapping should be abolished, I call on you to end this barbaric practice.

Trapping is cruel. Think about what an animal goes through when it is trapped! Do you really want to be an enabler of this cruelty? Please, at least keep in mind that a trap does not know the difference between a target animal, an endangered species animal, a pet, nor a person. Trapping indiscriminately maims and kills. It is a profession (or sick sport) that belongs to the 18th Century, not to our present day New Mexico.

Please step up for a kinder gentler New Mexico.

Regards,  
Kelly Pasholk

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**From:** Karlton Terry [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:31:59 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please wake up to the reality of:

- 1) how disgusting and medieval trapping is, and;
- 2) what a danger it is to our domestic animal.

thank you

Karlton Terry

**From:** Sheila ter Bruggen [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 11:49:33 AM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I spend a lot of time hiking New Mexico's wilderness and other public lands areas with my dogs. I am really tired of having to fear them or me stepping into a trap and losing a limb. For what? Tradition? Please stop this nightmare for 99% of the population, only to appease the 1% that is politically connected. We are sick of our dogs dying!!!

How long until a child loses a leg?

Is that what you're all waiting for?

Sheila ter Bruggen

[REDACTED] NM

**From:** christina gonzalez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:23:58 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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It is time that all traps are removed from NM public lands. I would actually prefer that they be removed from all lands. Theyre cruel and inhumane ways of killing all kinds of animals, domestic and wild.

Please help New Mexico step into the 21st Century by becoming a more compassionate, caring state.

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way in which its animals are treated.

Thank you,

Christina Gonzalez

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**From:** Denys Cope [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:11:42 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

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Please it is so imp!

Please support trap-free public lands in New Mexico

Thank you,  
Denys Cope

**From:** Yvette Tapp [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 05:07:34 PM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us@state.nm.us; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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## **We demand trap-free public lands in New Mexico**

### ***The Game Commission is considering minor changes to the trapping rule: they are inadequate.***

Another trapping season is looming in New Mexico after last year's saw at least two dogs killed, a handful of others injured, and untold thousands of native wildlife trapped and skinned for their fur.

Unfortunately, our new Game Commissioners do not seem to grasp the gravity of the situation nor understand that nearly 70% of New Mexicans oppose trapping entirely. While a public lands trapping ban (like [Roxy's Law](#)) is the best way to stop the cruelty and risk to public safety, our commissioners instead are entertaining an inadequate [set of changes](#) to the rule, including:

- Closing *only 0.5%* of New Mexico's public land to most traps.
- Increasing setbacks from trailheads, *but not from trails or roads*.
- Adopting a year-round season for raccoons and nutria.
- *Increasing* trap check times for underwater traps.

We need to make clear that minor changes aren't going to fly. New Mexicans want and deserve traps OFF of public lands. All living beings deserve the chance to LIVE NATURALLY and die NATURALLY, Everything is stacked against them already and this sadistic practice must be ended entirely.

Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife.

Sincerely,

Yvette

**From:** gigi gaulin [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:39:12 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us.; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I lived in Santa Fe for 20 year and I still can't believe the state still allows this barbaric practice. Can't we evolve to a more humane society? Please, it is time! Stop this assault on nature especially for the benefit of a few individuals instead of saying yes to the web of life in which humans play an equal role with all of Life. Honor God by honoring the life of those who suffer in these unnecessary traps. Thank you. Dr Gaulin

*Heal the human, free the horse....the elephant....the earth.*

Gigi Gaulin, DVM

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**From:** Lori Gutenberg [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:45:25 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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There is no place in today's society for this cruelty! How anyone can think of trapping in any way other than it is utterly inhumane is mind-boggling to me! Please ban trapping!

Lori Gutenberg

[REDACTED] NM

**From:** Michela Aveta [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:30:11 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please, stop the suffering!

Thanks,  
Michela Aveta  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Carlyn Montes De Oca [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:59:48 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please ban traps from all public lands. Please listen to the majority of your constituents, not the minority.

Thank you.

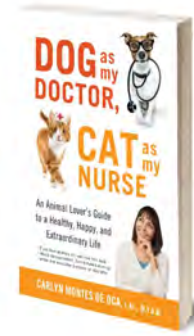
*Carlyn*

**Carlyn Montes De Oca [L.Ac.](#), Dipl. O.M., M.T.O.M.**

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**From:** Helen Crotty [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:41:59 PM

**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Traps are a cruel carryover from frontier days, as is trapping for profit. It's time New Mexico joined the 21st century. We had great hopes for a trap-free New Mexico when Governor Lujan Grisham was elected. I am very disappointed with your actions so far.

I live near public lands in the East Mountains, and since a commercial trapper moved in several years ago, the wildlife that I used to enjoy is much diminished. I rarely hear coyotes now and haven't seen a bobcat since the trapper arrived.

Please ban traps from all public lands in New Mexico. They are dangerous to people who enjoy nature and the outdoors and their pets and painfully cruel to the animals they catch.

Sincerely,

Helen Crotty

**From:** Linda Nelson [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:38:15 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Please ban all traps on public lands.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Linda Nelson

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Daniela Roth [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:38:12 PM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd07.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear members of the Game Commission:

I would like to make it clear that I do not consider the proposed changes to the trapping laws adequate. Not even close. Trapping is a cruel, dangerous and indiscriminate practice that has no place in the 21st century. Trapping needs to be completely banned from all our public lands.

Thank you for supporting a complete ban on trapping on our public lands.

Daniela Roth  
[REDACTED] NM

**From:** Diana Zelnio [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 03:11:40 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd18.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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- Trapping is **cruel**: trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and even self-amputation.
- Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.
- Trapping is a **public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in [amputation](#) and, in [two cases](#), death. Traps are a danger to people too.
- Trapping is a **drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as he wants and is not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

**From:** Rebecca Kraimer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:41:17 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from ALL NM public lands

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Dear Game Commissioners:

Nearly 70% of New Mexicans oppose trapping entirely.

No one on public land anywhere in our state should be subject to the harm and danger that hidden traps pose.

A public lands trapping ban (like [Roxy's Law](#)) is the best way to stop the cruelty and risk to public safety. Instead, you are entertaining an inadequate [set of changes](#) to the rule, including:

Closing *only 0.5%* of New Mexico's public land to most traps.

Increasing setbacks from trailheads, *but not from trails or roads*.

Adopting a year-round season for raccoons and nutria.

Increasing trap check times for underwater traps.

If these inadequate proposals stand, New Mexico will still allow unlimited killing of any "furbearing" species like foxes, bobcats and badgers, so trappers can make as much money as possible from the sale of their pelts. Wildlife species will still be caught by mistake, including endangered animals like the Mexican wolf. The by-catch of unintended species like javelina, cougars, bears, squirrels, porcupines and birds will still go unrecorded and uncounted. Trappers will still not be held liable if a canine companion is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog.

These minor changes are a joke. **New Mexicans want and deserve traps OFF of public lands.** Traps are cruel, they are indiscriminate, they are dangerous, and they are sapping our landscapes of native wildlife. **Don't any of you care?**

**Public lands are for public use. Traps and the public don't mix!**

Sincerely,  
**Rebecca A. Kraimer**



**From:** Julie [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:19:18 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping on public lands

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Dear Game Commission,

I stepped on a leg hold trap last year when hiking on public lands in New Mexico. I didn't see it because it was buried. It was very powerful and felt like an explosion under my foot. Had I stepped an inch shorter it would have clamped down on my toes and caused damage. I reported it to NMDGF and the officer said it was legal. I could not believe it, it could have broken my toes. Trappers will say they are harmless, and maybe they are if you wear large heavy boots, but I felt the force and it was powerful.

After that incident I have been afraid to hike on public lands. When I do go out I study the ground before I step. It has made going out onto public lands much less enjoyable for me, in fact it is stressful. Not only because of the fear of getting injured by a trap, but also the fear of finding the carnage left by the trapper or an injured struggling animal caught in a trap. He had left a skinned coyote by the first trap which was horrid to see. Later in the winter I found a dead skinned bobcat, also left by a trapper.

I will not take kids hiking with me because of the fear of injury and carnage. I now dread November 1<sup>st</sup>, the day trapping for most fur bearers begins.

Trapping may be needed in some situations and done by NMDGF officers or biologists, but not for the general public. It is no longer necessary for survival as it might have been in the 1800s. and is in conflict with the majority of the rest of the recreating public and other public land users.

Sincerely,  
Julie Schwab, [REDACTED]

**From:** Spears, Beverley

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:13:41 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Cruel

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Hello fellow New Mexicans,

Trapping on our public lands in New Mexico should be made illegal as it has been in Arizona, Colorado and elsewhere. It is a shocking fact that with a \$20 license, anyone can set a steel-jawed trap on public lands and walk away without knowing what creature may be brutally injured or destroyed. There are no limits, and little oversight on this carnage, but even one animal so cruelly maimed or killed should be illegal. Please end this barbaric practice which causes extreme suffering.

Beverley Spears, FAIA

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:23:18 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Fwd: furbearer rule

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----- Original Message -----

Subject: furbearer rule

Date: Mon, 21 Oct 2019 10:19:16 -0600

From: [REDACTED]

To: dgf-furbearer-rules@state.nm.us

I would like to make the following comments regarding the proposed furbearer rule.

First, it is extremely difficult to comment on a draft rule when the rule is not provided and just some general summary comments are.

Setbacks regarding occupied dwellings, roadside rest areas, roadside picnic areas need to exempt landowners and their agents on private property.

Rule needs to allow landowners ability to designate agent to trap on private property regarding setbacks (does not currently do so).

Additional proposed closure areas in Sandias and Organs need to continue to allow use of cage and foot encapsulating (dog proof) traps.

I oppose proposal to allow Director to set one year bag limit.

Populations can fluctuate due to disease and weather but just like small game, harvest intensity is self limiting based on population levels. We don't set annual bag limits on game bird or small game species every year due to annual fluctuations.

I oppose year round raccoon season of any type. Season should be concurrent with beaver and muskrat seasons and no pursuit season. Depredation issues need be handled just as Department says other species would be.

Summary wording regarding water set foothold size limits would cause limitation to not apply to 8" and 12" traps only those in "between".

Visual electronic check of land sets needs to be legal to fulfill agent requirement. This is 21st century and technology is available. Often used by State wildlife agencies now. Would allow for 24 hour monitoring.

Extend trap check requirement on lethal water sets (defined as submersion sets in BMPs) to every other calendar day.

Allow trapping on state wildlife management areas where appropriate to fulfill management needs.

Require bobcat pelts to be tagged by end of license year (March 31) Will eliminate potential poaching window of opportunity. Still gives 16 days after season to tag.

Department needs to request and have provision for reporting of unprotected furbearers (i.e. coyotes, skunks, opossums) to track harvest and determine any range expansion or occurrences on annual harvest report.

Department needs to determine extent of current and proposed closure areas in state. Significant areas are currently closed due to ownership of policy of managing agencies now plus Department restrictions. Basic information to properly evaluate impact of proposals.

Setbacks are contradictory in that Department rules allow for firearm discharge within 150 yards of occupied dwellings and no restrictions from picnic areas, rest areas, trails, trailheads, boat launch areas etc. This can be a real safety issue versus setting a legal trap. No logic.

David Heft

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Daisy Kates [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 03:26:50 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] No trapping on public lands in NM

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Hello,

I hope you will consider public comments on this important issue. Trapping on public lands puts the public and their domestic animals at risk and is cruel and indiscriminate to wildlife.

Closing .5% of NM Public Lands to traps is not enough. And setbacks to ALL trails and roads need to be protected from traps.

I believe that there should be NO trapping allowed on NM Public Lands.

Thank you,

Daisy Kates

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**From:** Tito Meyer [REDACTED] >

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:11:40 PM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] NO traps and snares on public land

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Traps and snares are cruel and dangerous. Please completely outlaw them on our public land. The proposed changes are insufficient and in some ways worse. Please say no to snares and traps!

Thank you, Tito Meyer

**From:** Donna Koechner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 02:29:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Donna Koechner

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[REDACTED]



**From:** Denise Pokorny [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:16:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Denise Pokorny

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** Nancy Bush [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 03:35:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Nancy Bush

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**From:** Raphaël PONCE [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 03:17:37 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Raphaël PONCE

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**From:** Stephanie Hatfield [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 03:16:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Stephanie Hatfield

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**From:** Michael Crews [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:22:57 AM  
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Michael Crews

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**From:** R.Alan Maurer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:06:05 AM  
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**From:** Laurie Magill [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:57:09 AM  
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Sincerely,

Laurie Magill

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**From:** Andrew Lieuwen [REDACTED]  
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Andrew Lieuwen

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**From:** sue magee [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 05:08:30 AM  
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**From:** paulo reeson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 04:52:16 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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paulo reeson

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**From:** Karen Boehler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 01:27:30 AM  
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Sincerely,

Karen Boehler

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Shelby Hallmark [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 12:31:52 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Sincerely,

Shelby Hallmark

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**From:** Asmita Bhargava [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:20:22 PM  
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Asmita Bhargava

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**From:** M.Anthony Cabral [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:23:18 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
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M. Anthony Cabral

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**From:** Janice Murphey [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 07:20:02 PM  
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Sincerely,

Janice Murphey

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**From:** Phyllis Wilcox [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:26:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Phyllis Wilcox

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**From:** Elizabeth Elk [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 06:15:40 PM  
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Elizabeth Elk

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**From:** Brittany Gutierrez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 02:44:24 PM  
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**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:05:19 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 05:37:12 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Maria Schneider

**From:** Anna Br-An [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 02:47:28 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Sincerely:

Dr. Elisabeth Bechmann  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Andrea Sreiber [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 03:25:06 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Sincerely,  
Andrea Sreiber  
[REDACTED]



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**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 03:00:02 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] rules for trapping and snaring on public lands

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Dear Legislators,

Having finally moved to my favorite state in the US some 2 months ago, I am doing all I can to be a productive part of making New Mexico safe, healthy, and a happy place for all who reside here, human and other creatures as well. My husband and I, along with our 2 dogs, love to hike and explore our public areas. While we keep our dogs on leash, both they and the two of us might accidentally stumble into a trap or snare at any time. Additionally, even for creature for whom these contraptions are intended, the process of capture and kill is cruel and inhumane. It is one thing to hunt or fish and consume one's catch, but it is quite another to plant these snares and traps that can indiscriminately do horrific harm, sometimes over a torturous period to living creatures. It is beneath us as humans, especially in a state that has such an ancient connection to the land and its creatures, such a reverence for the wild. Please, as you consider these regulations, make it illegal to trap or snare on any public lands, for the sake of all of us who wander these lands.

Sincerely,

Dawn Duncan

[REDACTED]

Dr. Dawn Duncan

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 03:11:20 PM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Cc:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Santa Cruz Lake Illegal Trapping Case Dismissal

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To New Mexico State Game Commission;

Dear Commission Chair Ms. Prukop;

I am writing to express my deep disappointment and anger over the mishandling of the illegal trapping case at Santa Cruz Lake this past winter by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish.. The dropping of charges has already incited various organizations to publicly state they would again seek legislative action in 2021 to ban all public lands trapping thereby punishing law abiding outdoors women and men instead of criminal lawbreakers. Unfortunately this is all too common with wildlife violations in our state. I have worked with NMGF law enforcement since the 1970s and my experience is that only 5% of the cases referred by citizens end with a successful conviction. I would like the commission to look at possible ways to expand the number of officers and also upgrade training so cases aren't lost because of the failure to follow proper procedures. I am a licensed hunter, trapper, and fisher myself and have zero tolerance for poachers like this. I would hope the commission through the Director ensures that any appropriate personnel action is taken to reduce the probability of this happening again.

Thank you,

David L. Heft

**From:** Charlotte Lipson [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 10:37:28 AM

**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Strengthen trapping rules

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Commissioners:

I strongly urge you to strengthen the rules covering trapping. Do not allow unlimited killing and injuring of wild animals including endangered species and domestic pets caught “by mistake.”

Under present rules I understand that trappers are not liable if a family dog is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog or a wild animal.

Charlotte Lipson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Sharon Smock [REDACTED] m>  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 03:33:44 PM  
**To:** Charlotte Lipson [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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Why do we encourage people to inhumanely kill wildlife on public lands! This has been going on for decades and has it really made the difference or do we just reinforce to our children that the End Justifies the Means? These animals die horrid deaths. THE WAY WILDLIFE SERVICES HAS CONTINUED THE SAME CONTROL METHODS OVER GENERATIONS IS JUST NOT THE RIGHT WAY TO DEAL WITH ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WHY NOT DEAL WITH PROBLEM ANIMALS SEPARATELY? WHY DO WE ALLOW BLANKET KILLING? PEOPLE GO OUT FOR SPORT AND SEARCH AND KILL THESE ANIMALS IN INHUMANE AND AWFULLY PAINFUL WAYS. THIS IS ARCHAIC AND NEEDS TO BE UPDATED TO MODERN STANDARDS ON HOW WE UNDERSTAND THE BIOLOGY, LIFECYCLE, AND NEEDS OF THESE ANIMALS AND UTILIZE A MUCH MORE HUMANE METHOD ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THEIR NUMBERS. THESE ANIMALS DESERVE OUR ATTENTION TO HUMANELY MANAGE THEIR NUMBERS. OUR COMMUNITY IS JUDGED BY HOW WE TREAT THOSE THAT ARE SUBJECTED TO OUR ACTIONS. THEY ARE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AS WE ARE PART OF THEIR ECOSYSTEM.

THIS COMMISSION SHOULD KNOW BETTER TO SUCCUMB TO SPORTSMEN, THE NRA, THE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, THE SPORTING GOODS INDUSTRY AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATION THAT GIVES A LICENSE IN ONE HAND AND A WEAPON IN ANOTHER TO DESTROY OUR PUBLIC LANDS AND WILDLIFE WITH POISONS, TRAPS, AND OTHER LETHAL WEAPONS. LACK OF RESPECT FOR ANIMALS BY NOT DEALING WITH OUR PROBLEMS IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY IS A PICTURE OF OUR SOCIETY, PASSING ON TO NEW GENERATIONS TO KEEP NATURE SEPARATE FROM PEOPLE, TO FIND THE EASY WAY TO EXTERMINATE, TO NOT AT LEAST TRY TO LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH THE OTHER ANIMALS THAT SHARE THE SAME HABITAT.

HUNTING IS A RESPECTABLE SPORT AND MOST RESPECTABLE HUNTERS WOULD CALL THE WAY THESE ANIMALS ARE 'CONTROLLED' AS MURDER.

PLEASE RECONSIDER.

SINCERELY,  
SHARON S SMOCK

Sent from my Skully's iPhone

How Animals Are Killed in New Mexico

\*Statistics taken from data provided by New Mexico Wildlife Services, 2010

KILLS METHOD

8,515 Shooting  
5,485 DRC-1339 (starlicide, a poison)  
2,086 Aerial Hunting (shooting animals from a helicopter or airplane)  
1,290 M44 (a device which when triggered releases sodium cyanide into the mouth of an animal)  
1,107 Neck Snares (wire loops strategically set to tighten around an animal's body)  
879 Decoy Traps  
745 Cage Traps  
545 Leghold Traps (traps in which animals are immobilized and die of exposure, starvation, etc.)  
33 Spotlight Shooting (using a spotlight at night to locate animals, and then shooting them)  
25 Handcaught  
25 Drive/Corral Traps  
7 Kill Traps (conibear body-grip traps placed underwater to capture and drown the animal)

- 7 Gas Cartridges
- 4 A/C Tablets
- 4 Snare Traps
- 1 Catch Pole
- 1 Gopher Traps
- 1 Culvert Trap

Sent from my Skully's iPhone

On Oct 21, 2019, at 10:37 AM, Charlotte Lipson [REDACTED] wrote:

Commissioners:

I strongly urge you to strengthen the rules covering trapping. Do not allow unlimited killing and injuring of wild animals including endangered species and domestic pets caught "by mistake."

Under present rules I understand that trappers are not liable if a family dog is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog or a wild animal.

Charlotte Lipson  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Michael Lawler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:15:24 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

First of all, these are OUR lands, and you are tasked with protecting them and their natural inhabitants.

Secondly, trapping is cruel and unusual treatment that terrorizes animals for whom we are stewards.

Finally, trapping on OUR lands is evidence of sick and inhumane conduct by individuals who should find something constructive to do with their lives.

No more subsidizing sick human conduct on OUR lands!

Sincerely,  
Michael Lawler

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Judith Larson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 03:54:12 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please strengthen the rules in New Mexico so that there can be no trapping or use of snares on public lands. They are a serious hazard to people and domestic animals that live near or are visiting those areas.

Sincerely,  
Judith Larson

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Karen Tiliakos [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:59:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Please stop these cruel, indiscriminate traps. They are definitely inhumane and unnecessary. They bring havock upon intended and unintended habitat that have every right to survive in the wild without your horrific cruelty and torture. Their fur belongs to them, never to you. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Karen Tiliakos

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Veronica B. [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 08:38:40 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Veronica B.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



**From:** Pascal Fromentin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 07:03:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. Please use humane methods to control wildlife. Stop being Nazi monsters. Thanks! P.

Sincerely,  
Pascal Fromentin

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[REDACTED]

**From:** A Rush [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 05:51:34 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rules

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Dear, New Mexico Game Commission,

Traps and snares are cruel and indiscriminate. They have no place on our public land. Please eliminate trapping on all public land.

Regards,  
Alice Rush

**From:** William Byhower [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/21/2019 09:33:15 AM  
**Subject:** [EXT] Traps and the public don't mix!-Tell Game Commission to ban all trapping please!

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This is wrong:

If these inadequate proposals stand, New Mexico will still allow unlimited killing of any "furbearing" species like foxes, bobcats and badgers, so trappers can make as much money as possible from the sale of their pelts. Wildlife species will still be caught by mistake, including endangered animals like the Mexican wolf. The by-catch of unintended species like javelina, cougars, bears, squirrels, porcupines and birds will still go unrecorded and uncounted. Trappers will still not be held liable if a canine companion is hurt as a result of being trapped or if a human is injured rescuing their dog.

*William F. Byhower*  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Jen Nitz <[REDACTED]>

**Sent time:** 10/20/2019 04:13:45 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd07.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Traps on New Mexico Public Lands

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I urge you to put a ban on trapping on New Mexico public lands.

Trapped animals endure stress, dehydration, starvation, broken bones, dislocations, predation, and self-amputation.

Trapping is **indiscriminate**: unlike hunting, traps maim and kill non-target animals. Endangered species and companion animals are often caught in traps.

Trapping is **a public safety hazard**: every year, companion and working dogs are caught in traps. This year, some have been trapped that resulted in amputation and, in two cases, death. Traps are also a danger to people.

Trapping is **a drain on wildlife**: for only \$20, a trapper can kill as many furbearers as they want and are not liable for the bycatch. Trapping denudes our public landscapes of native species – in many cases, key ecosystem engineers – for private profit. Pelts mostly end up in Eastern Europe and Asia. Trappers pay no gross receipts tax.

Trapping is outdated, indiscriminate and cruel. Ban trapping on public lands.

Jennifer Nitz

**From:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Sent time:** 10/22/2019 01:17:04 PM  
**To:** Tommy Baumgardner [REDACTED] Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF  
**Cc:** Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** Re: [EXT] rabies and trapping

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Hello, Mr. Baumgardner,

Thank you very much for your comments. I will make certain they become a part of the official record for this rule making process, and I will discuss them with Department personnel.

Enjoy your day,  
Joanna Prukop, Chair  
NM State Game Commission

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**From:** Tommy Baumgardner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF  
**Cc:** Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [EXT] rabies and trapping

( Fact check google rabies 2018 for each state, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico)

**Arizona: 160** cases with 29 human exposed  
**Colorado: 325** cases ( confirmed human exposed ?)  
**New Mexico: 9**

2,000 licensed trappers in New Mexico for 2018/19 season at \$20.00 per = \$40,000 not counting out of state licensed. Plus all stamps required. Most also purchase a small game license of which they must have for carrying a gun while trapping. This money goes a long ways towards our Game and fish department and habitat restoration.

**New Mexico Trappers Make a Difference.**

Thank You,  
Thomas (Tommy) Baumgardner - born and raised in [REDACTED] New Mexico

**From:** Ellen Chavez [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 11:07:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and fur bearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

no one should be wearing fur anymore. animals caught in traps may lay there for days suffering before they are killed. this is a modern-day when no one needs to trap animals. what if a person lays there for days.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ellen Chavez

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**From:** Lura Brookins [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 10:50:23 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please demonstrate humane treatment of all animals!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Lura Brookins

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[REDACTED] associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at [core.help@sierraclub.org](mailto:core.help@sierraclub.org) or (415) 977-5500 for more information.

**From:** Pamela Bello [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 12:38:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Pamela Bello

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**From:** Neal DeVitt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 11:58:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is a danger to hikers children and pets.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Neal DeVitt

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**From:** Jan Olsen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 11:31:15 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

please, with extinctions happening worldwide, can't we eliminate cruelty to our fellow planet dwellers. Please

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jan Olsen

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**From:** Patsy Parentice [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 11:09:19 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Patsy Parentice

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**From:** Linda Buchser [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 01:03:58 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is both cruel and indiscriminate in the potential victims. We need less interference in the natural order of things, not more. To allow trapping with no limits on furbearing species is both a moral and an ecological tragedy. I urge you to strengthen the restrictions on trapping on our public lands, not loosen them.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Linda Buchser

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**From:** Deborah Sandoval [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 12:09:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sandoval

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carolyn Beaty [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 03:29:29 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There is no humane rationale to allow animals to suffer the agony of being caught in traps, especially in our public lands. Please take the enlightened and compassionate approach and ban trapping on public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Beaty

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**From:** Richard Altrock [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 12:42:53 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Richard Altrock

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**From:** Vicki Word [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 01:33:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Vicki Word

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**From:** Laurie Zunner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 12:03:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Laurie Zunner

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**From:** David Rice [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 03:06:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Rice

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Londa Fowler [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 11:54:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Londa Fowler

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**From:** Randall T. Phipps [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 11:04:38 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The days of trapping for a living are over, get a job! Animals are under so much pressure from the environment and man, do we need to brutally murder them. Any hunter knows, there no honor in making and animals needlessly suffer! Plus the collateral damage is unacceptable, like one of my dogs perhaps?

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Randall T. Phipps

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**From:** Phil Garrett [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 11:03:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

As a long time Fly Fisher and Lover of Nature. I find trapping cruel and anachronistic in a time when our public lands are valued and enjoyed by so many of our citizens.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Phil Garrett

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**From:** Walter Bishop [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:59:35 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please...

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Walter Bishop

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** Diane Mankin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:59:20 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

These lands are meant to preserve nature so trapping has no place. Animals need to be able to roam free without hidden traps and nooses.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Diane Mankin

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**From:** Robert Cantua [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:44:59 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping on New Mexico public land is unacceptable!

This practice kills many unintended species, and harms domestic animals by being too close to hiking trails.

this practice was common in the early 1800's as a way to catch food for early settlers Now unacceptably being used mostly for sport.

This practice is antiquated and **MUST BE BANNED!**

Thank You.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Robert Cantua

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Rembrandt Stokhof De Jong [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:27:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is an inhumane practice a fit needs to stop.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rembrandt Stokhof De Jong

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**From:** Marcia Kellam [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:21:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The cruelty and barbarity of trapping is completely unconscionable for ANY reason. These beautiful animals are living in THEIR habitat, and should be allowed to do so safely, just as we like to live in our neighborhoods safely. I don't care what trappers use as their excuses for this heinous way of murdering innocent beings. Would they like it to happen to any of their loved ones? I doubt it. It's WAY time to start treating our fellow beings as beings, and not use them as an excuse to kill, especially in such painful, horrible ways.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Marcia Kellam

[REDACTED]

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**From:** shirley anderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:18:35 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

shirley anderson

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mark Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:18:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I have only once come across a trap along the Rio Grande, upper reaches of Cochiti Lake, with fox remains in it, wasted! But I had no idea how widespread it is in NM. Please review your policy and modify according to recommendations made by Rio Grande Chapter.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mark Miller

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[REDACTED]

**From:** John Banker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 01:54:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I detest the barbaric act of trapping in the highest level. Anyone who supports trapping should be removed from office. This goddamn practice needs to be outlawed NOW!!!!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Banker

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**From:** Joyce Cousino [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:14:27 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please ban these horrible traps.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joyce Cousino

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Robert Rondeau ( [REDACTED] )  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:12:39 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is finally time for the banning of trapping any wildlife. It doesn't matter if it is commercial or hobbyists. I do not believe that it is correct to use traps on any animals. The animals are often left to die in them. Animal fur is not an appropriate material for clothing in this day and age!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Robert Rondeau

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Diane Allan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:01:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are inhumane and indiscriminate. They have no place on public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Diane Allan

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**From:** Lori Moore [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:53:23 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I moved here from Iowa a year ago. I want to hike with my dog but afraid she will get caught in a trap somewhere. I like to photograph flowers and trees but hesitant to step off trails too far. I only hike with a group in case one of us gets caught in a trap, others are there to help.

Just read an article in the ABQ Journal where an illegal trapper was not charged due to missteps on the game commission's part. Wow, how sad!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Lori Moore

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Bob Macpherson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:47:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I'm a scientist living in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I am against trapping. When I was a kid in high school in Connecticut, I ran a trap line for several years to earn money. I trapped muskrats, but one day I caught a beaver. It was alive. Beavers were protected, so I ran home (about 1/2 a mile), got 2 heavy pliers, ran back and set the beaver free. So, I learned the hard way that trapping and snaring are extremely inhumane practices. I am ashamed of my high school trapping.

I now believe that animal trapping is unethical and immoral.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Bob Macpherson

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**From:** A Charlene McDermott [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:44:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

A Charlene McDermott

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**From:** R.A.L. West ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:44:02 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

R.A.L. West

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**From:** Tiffany Nicol [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:41:07 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Nicol

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**From:** John Davis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:38:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps don't discriminate between target species and non-target species. Trapping presents a life threatening danger to hikers and pets, and needs to be banned on all public lands in the state of New Mexico. Please do the right thing, and ban the use of traps on OUR public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Davis

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[REDACTED] individual associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at [core.help@sierraclub.org](mailto:core.help@sierraclub.org) or (415) 977-5500 for more information.

**From:** Eric Shekter [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:34:20 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Eric Shekter

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**From:** Jean Crawford [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 01:37:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is past time to end indiscriminate killing on public lands. You don't want traps, snares and poison in your workspace, so do not allow these dangers for outdoor creatures and users.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jean Crawford

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**From:** Peter Krogseng [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:32:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

These are our lands we have the public as a public person I don't think that traps or poison should be used on public lands so that a few cattle Farmers ranchers can benefit this is nonsense 90s probably + percent of the people use these lands are non ranchers and we don't feel that way and should be desecrated with traps or poison for the sake of a few cattle ranchers thank you

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Peter Krogseng

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**From:** Otis Peterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:32:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Otis Peterson

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**From:** Carl Peterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:28:28 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is cruel and benefits only a small group of people in NM. Please stop this barbaric practice immediately. NM is better than this. You are not managing our wildlife but merely perpetuating our image as being cruel and wasteful.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carl Peterson

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**From:** William Riker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:21:58 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is just plain cruel!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

William Riker

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**From:** Noel Aronov [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:18:46 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Noel Aronov

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**From:** Joyce Jenkins [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:00:32 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joyce Jenkins

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**From:** Gail Seydel ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:00:28 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

END TRAPPING-- as a person who hikes past your inappropriate 1/2 mile no trapping area trapping is not safe. Not only have wildlife and domesticated animals been injured. we humans have been caught in traps too.

TIME TO STOP TRAPPING ON PUBLIC LANDS

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gail Seydel

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**From:** Maresa Luzier [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:47:47 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I understand there are still people making a living from trapping. However we need to make sure animals threatened or endangered cannot put at risk. So those areas should be off the list, as well as public use areas.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Maresa Luzier

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**From:** Shelley Westfall ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:47:01 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I absolutely oppose the trapping of any wild animal, it's against my values.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Shelley Westfall

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**From:** Nancy Merritt [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:41:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Animal cruelty is animal cruelty, regardless of the political reasoning. Collateral damage is a reality in any kind of warfare. Please do not make war against nature. We are supposed to be the "thinking" species. We should practice what we think we are.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Nancy Merritt

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**From:** Hari Rai Khalsa [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 01:28:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Hari Rai Khalsa

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**From:** Joan Menter ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:35:18 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps can't tell the difference between pets or endangered species or humans and their so-called targets. The cruelty inflicted on living creatures of any kind is horrible and should be stopped. People, their children and their pets and service animals using public lands should be safe from hidden traps and random trapping destroys the wildlife we go there to see and photograph. This wanton destruction of wildlife damages the whole ecosystem and the "nature" we leave the cities to go see.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joan Menter

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**From:** Mary Westerlund [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:34:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

New Mexico Game Commission should prohibit ALL trapping on ALL Public lands in NM. This outdated practice is dangerous to the public and to our animal friends!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mary Westerlund

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**From:** Maury Culberg [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:30:44 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Maury Culberg

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**From:** Diana Thatcher [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:26:36 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Public lands are for all of us, not just the trappers, and our precious wildlife should be protected from indiscriminate harm, to say nothing of the danger to dogs, children and unsuspecting hikers. I'm certain the majority of New Mexicans feel as I do.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Diana Thatcher

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**From:** Mary Ann Wolf-Lyerla [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:24:21 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wolf-Lyerla

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**From:** Leslie Waltzer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:13:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Leslie Waltzer

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**From:** Al Gelina [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:10:31 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please follow the guidelines set by the Sierra Club-I echo their sentiments

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Al Gelina

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**From:** John Wilhelmsen ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:04:54 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I would like to believe that we as a species have come along far enough to stop trading animals lives for profit, especially the indiscriminate means used to take their lives. Please see beyond the almighty dollar and enact the means to end trapping on public lands.

Thank you.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Wilhelmsen

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**From:** Cynthia Hull [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:57:52 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps aren't humane, and frequently a non-target animal or person gets caught in a trap. Please don't allow them.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hull

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**From:** Krystal Ortiz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 11:05:55 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please stop destroying others lives this is horrible and will have an impact on all of us!!!!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Krystal Ortiz

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[REDACTED] idual associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at [core.help@sierraclub.org](mailto:core.help@sierraclub.org) or (415) 977-5500 for more information.

**From:** Constance Franklin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:57:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

As an American who travels extensively to our Parks and Public lands, spending much time and money, for the chance to view wildlife and enjoy pristine nature, the last thing I want to see or know about is traps designed to kill America's wildlife. Trapping is an archaic and environmentally unsound practice that must be relegated to the barbaric ignorant past of whence it came.

You have to know by now that trapping animals is notoriously cruel and indiscriminate in target. Our American wildlife, and especially our keystone species, are essential to thriving ecosystems, and allowing people to trap our wildlife for I can only assume, the international fur trade, or some such frivolous penny driven endeavor is ethically repugnant, environmentally unsound, and a slap in the face to all of the millions of Americans out here that treasure American's wildlife and understand they have the right to exist free of grotesque exploitation and harm.

Last but not least, trapping on our public lands is dangerous to the public and our companion dogs that sometimes accompany us. So care about us, the vast majority, care about our wildlife and end pandering to an exploitative and profit driven industry that only benefits a few.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Constance Franklin

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**From:** Michelle Torrez ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:47:13 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Michelle Torrez

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**From:** Esther Armijo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:05:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is one of the worst things you could do to our animals. Please do not torture on our public lands. We oppose trapping on any of NM public lands now! Stop this insanity NOW!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Esther Armijo

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**From:** Ann McCartney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:28:28 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I live near public lands that I walk several times a week. The wildlife in the public lands has diminished greatly just in the 15 years I have lived there - we no longer see foxes, badgers or bobcats. It make no sense to continue to allow trapping on public lands for species that already in decline. In addition, traps and public don't mix. Our beagle had his leg broken in a trap at great expense to us and great pain to him. Do not allow trapping on public lands for the protection of people, their pets and the already threatened wildlife in NM.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ann McCartney

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**From:** Jill Joseph [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:12:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is an unnecessary and destructive way to deal with wildlife. It's collateral damage to all animal and human life is simply wrong and unacceptable. Please ban this on all public lands.

Thank you.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jill Joseph

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**From:** Becky Renfro [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:04:00 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

As a dog owner, i am concerned that traps on public land will injure either me or my dog. I should be able to use public lands without the fear of being injured while enjoying the beautiful New Mexico landscape. I am also concerned that other wildlife may be injured or killed unless we establish rules that will minimize harm to humans and wildlife. Thank you for your consideration.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Becky Renfro

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**From:** David Koziol [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 06:47:29 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

We don't need them- there is no reason to use archaic methods to capture animals. Haven't we screwed up enough for too many years?

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Koziol

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**From:** Donald Cooney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 06:31:48 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is well past time to put this barbaric practice to rest and join the more than one hundred nations that have outright prohibited it. The cruelty to wildlife caught in these traps is unacceptable and the dangers to pets, domestic animals and people means it is time to completely eliminate all trapping on all public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Donald Cooney

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**From:** S Kurtz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 06:29:59 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I strongly urge you to prohibit all recreational and commercial trapping on all public lands. The beauty of New Mexico lands is one of the strongest points in attracting visitors to our state. Friends and relatives from outside NM have come to hike and camp. Traps and snares should not be part of their experience. Please ban all trapping on public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

S Kurtz

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**From:** Gwen Gilligan [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 11:05:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is barbaric and this method of trapping should be stopped. Far too many innocent animals get caught in these awful, medieval traps and die needlessly painful deaths.. There are many citizens out here who are adamantly against this so please listen to us with as much, or more, than the trapper lobby

Gwen Gilligan  
Santa Fe resident since 1973

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gwen Gilligan

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**From:** Brooke Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:58:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please don't be cruel. Please.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Brooke Brown

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**From:** sau tsang [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 05:41:59 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

sau tsang

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**From:** Sudeshna Ghosh ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:55:29 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sudeshna Ghosh

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**From:** Kathleen Province [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:32:35 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Public lands are used by many people, their children and pets, and there have been several incidents where domestic animals have been caught in traps resulting in injuries, vet bills and distraught people. There have been incidents of traps being set very close to legal, public trails. Stop permitting trapping on public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Province

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Raleigh Koritz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:09:59 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Raleigh Koritz

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**From:** Anna Brewer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:31:43 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Anna Brewer

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**From:** Carol Yanker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 01:31:14 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are indiscriminate and dangerous to humans and wildlife. As an avid hiker, I have enjoyed walking on many New Mexico trails. A hidden trap could cripple me or another hiker. Traps endanger humans and their canine companions as well as protected wildlife species.

Additionally, traps are cruel and cause much suffering for protected and non protected species alike. As compassionate humans, we can do better than to torture living creatures. We must share our planet with other species and stop thinking of ourselves as the owners of everything on it.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carol Yanker

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**From:** Heather Knight [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 01:08:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Heather Knight

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**From:** Patricia Legrand [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 12:31:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Our Wildlife cannot speak for themselves. We must be their voice and demand protection and freedom from torture.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Patricia Legrand

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**From:** Candice Blazzio [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 12:30:44 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Candice Blazzio

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**From:** Rhonda Alterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 11:43:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Alterson

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**From:** Jane Engel [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 11:03:40 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jane Engel

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**From:** Jennifer White [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 11:07:02 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jennifer White

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**From:** Ron Faich [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 11:06:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ron Faich

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**From:** Sue Essen ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 11:06:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please PLEASE outlaw this cruel practice!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sue Essen

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**From:** Kirsten Lear [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 11:04:35 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Lear

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**From:** Hodge Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 11:04:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Hodge Jones

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**From:** Mary Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:31:27 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mary Brown

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**From:** Onishea Aguilera ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:27:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Onishea Aguilera

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**From:** Liz Trujillo [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:26:48 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Liz Trujillo

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**From:** Ed-Nora Boon Von Ochssee [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:23:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ed-Nora Boon Von Ochssee

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**From:** Tom Gorman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:09:20 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Tom Gorman

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**From:** Joan Walker [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 10:53:00 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Joan Walker

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**From:** Judith Allen [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:05:47 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Judith Allen

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**From:** Anne Petrokubi [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 09:58:19 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Anne Petrokubi

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**From:** James Enright [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 09:46:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please stop this cruel practice. Numerous innocent animals and people have been hurt from these traps!!!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

James Enright

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**From:** Rebecca Rose [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 09:29:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Rose

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**From:** Sahnta Dicesare-Pannutti [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 09:27:20 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sahnta Dicesare-Pannutti

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**From:** David Hammack [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 09:21:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Hammack

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Teresa DuBois [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 04:32:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

My dog was caught in a steel trap in Los Alamos County in 2014. I never want anyone to go through what we went through. I am a retired search and rescue volunteer who has worked with search dogs for 34 years. I simply can't imagine a trained dog getting caught in one of these. Wild animals have no guardians to release them from traps. Their death is agonizing and lingering. Please ban these horrible devices in our state. I will never feel safe in the wilderness until these are outlawed. Give our wildlife a break.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Teresa DuBois

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**From:** Zac Bigbee [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 10:40:45 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There is still too little accountability in our rules for fur trapping and no way of knowing how much bycatch has been uselessly mutilated.

Additionally, as a primarily rural state, it is imperative that we maintain our natural resources responsibly. Right now the proposed trapping rules do not go far enough to ensure responsible use of our states wild places. For this reason, all trapping should be subject to heavy fines until such a time as we have implemented an adequate system for protecting wildlife and ensuring accountability.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Zac Bigbee

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**From:** Patrick Colvin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 01:34:32 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment Opposing Trapping and the furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

My fellow New Mexicans, we must bring our state out of the dark ages when abuse and cruelty is allowed against wild animals. Please please don't allow trapping on public lands for recreation (mean cruelty!), ban these kind of traps altogether, AND please do everything you can to ban all trapping anywhere in New Mexico for commercial purposes. This is not what you allow people to make money off of, it is dangerous for humans and even more so for children.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Patrick Colvin

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**From:** Lois Wark [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:28:00 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] I oppose animal trapping on public lands

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps and snares are cruel to wildlife as well as dangerous to hikers and domestic animals. They do not belong on our public lands. Please prohibit them.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Lois Wark

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**From:** Barbara Kenney [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:47:15 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Make trapping off-limits on our public lands.

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This cruel and all-too-common cruel and unusual mutilations from trapping on public lands must stop. We are called to be stewards of the earth and of God's creatures, so many of whom are endangered. A Native American maxim which I paraphrase contends that within each human being lives two wolves, one with the capacity for good and one with the capacity for evil. When asked who wins that contest of wills, the shaman says, "It depends upon which one you feed." Let us feed our capacity for good in our public policy and protect the furbearing creatures on our public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kenney

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**From:** Jennifer Bayley [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 04:08:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] My comments on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please stop ALL trapping on ALL public lands/waters. Traps should never be where the public is, and that means public lands.

It is not alright to trap foxes, bobcats, badgers, beavers, Mexican wolves, cougars bears, porcupines, birds, or other wildlife. Many are already threatened or endangered: there is no adequate justification for this. And what about children and domestic dogs and other pets?

Please end this barbaric, primitive practice and make us proud as New Mexicans to enhance the lives of these wild species, not end them.

Thank you,

Jennifer Bayley  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bayley  
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**From:** Marilyn Savitt-Kring [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 09:47:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] No trapping!!

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Besides killing animals, the next trap could be your child.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Savitt-Kring

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**From:** Anne Aylor [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:37:04 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please prohibit trapping and snaring in New Mexico

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I strongly and respectfully ask that the trapping and snaring of animals on New Mexico Public Lands is something that needs to be stopped. I would ask you to prohibit the commercial and recreational trapping as it is cruel and indiscriminate. Our wildlife need and deserve protecting, not being killed and tortured in inhumane traps and snares. I would urge you to be in the vanguard of states to ban these horrible practises which kill and main wildlife, as well as domestic pets and humans. Yours respectfully

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Anne Aylor

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**From:** Althea McLuckie [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:20:11 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Althea McLuckie

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** cathy pardee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 01:19:11 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

cathy pardee

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Kathy Imislund-Clarke [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 12:12:53 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please stop trapping on public lands!

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I treasure our public lands because of the wildlife they nurture. It seems ridiculous and cynical to me that the lands that we taxpayers financially support for common enjoyment of the wild are allowed to be used in ways, like trapping, that cause terrible pain and suffering to wildlife without any protection. As well, trapping on public lands is dangerous to people and domestic animals and you are NOT taking this danger into account. My enjoyment of public lands does not harm others--surely I have the right not be harmed by others. We are all members of the public, and allowing trapping gives some members of the public the right to harm their fellows, even if it's called an "accident." I STRONGLY oppose "recreational" and commercial trapping on public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Kathy Imislund-Clarke

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**From:** Lynn Moen ([REDACTED]) >  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:27:34 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Stop using traps and snares

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

How simply horrible that traps and snares are used. It must stop. I see no reason for this cruelty. So few animals left anyway, why not protect them.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Lynn Moen

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Eileen Mandel ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:38:52 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Stronger rules against trapping

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The rules the agency is proposing do not even touch the surface. All trapping should be prohibited on public lands or at a minimum greatly lessened. Traps of all kinds are dangerous to people, domestic animals and protected species. I wonder who the agency is protecting. The agency is certainly not balancing the issues and appears to be in favor of the trappers many of whom are negligent and irresponsible. Eileen Mandel

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Eileen Mandel

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**From:** Emily Wolf ( [REDACTED] )  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:53:01 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Our ecosystems are largely at the brink?not only from habitat loss, but relentless and cruel practices by those trappers exploiting rules, and loose regulations which result in endangered and protected species caught with no reporting required. I?m at the point where all I read about is the havoc and cruelty that humans are subjecting wild animals to. I?m saddened by it, and want to strongly voice my opposition to commercial and recreational trapping on public lands in NM. Thanks very much?

Emily Wolf

7657488060

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Emily Wolf

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[REDACTED]

**From:** Gordon Parker III [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/25/2019 10:13:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping and snaring must cease.

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Spring trapping and snaring are barbaric and totally unacceptable activities. If there is some absolute necessity for removing certain animals- disease vectoring or extreme overpopulation, it must be done with properly designed and baited inexpensive cage traps with check times short enough to avoid damage to the animal. This will prevent cruelty, assure the correct animal is dealt with, and avoid damage/death to other species and avoid injury to humans. Dog fighting, poultry fighting and commercial and "recreational" trapping must all cease. They are all unacceptable activities for civilized and enlightened human animals. No species except humans treats another species in any comparable manner. We should behave at least as well as the beings we have been subjecting to this cruel and torturous behavior.

Sincerely,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gordon Parker III

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**From:** Linda Berd [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:26:52 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us@state.nm.us; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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I am unable to send my response to your totally inadequate “fixes”. I have tried several times. It says it’s ‘undeliverable’ and the email addresses wrong “INADEQUATE”.

LindaB

**From:** Linda Berd [REDACTED]

**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:23:35 PM

**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us@state.nm.us@state.nm.us@state.nm.us; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tizio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules

**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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You do not understand. I live literally w/2 sides of my property bordering national forest. These canyons have homes here that are all bordering on national forest. When I was made to understand that trapping is legal in these national forests, I started asking around to see if anyone knew of any problems that arose from this fact. The very first day I was told six different very TRUE stories of neighbors who all had been caught in a trap, or traps placed right outside their fence (ignorant, illegal placement), and pets who were caught, lost feet, etc. I'm certain there are more. I also heard of a young woman who left her home one day w/her two very young children. When she got to the next intersection there was a HUGE PILE of at least a DOZEN DECAPITATED & SKINNED COYOTES...just left there at a fairly busy road. Needless to say the CHILDREN WERE TERRIBLY TRAUMATIZED, and all three were HYSTERICAL & CRYING.

I am against such horror stories, such cruelty, such hideously cruel antiquated traps first of all. Also, we are permitting the very trappers to police themselves...to place these horrors properly, check them per law (which hardly happens) and be their own sheriff & conscience. THAT DOES NOT WORK. Also, TRAPS ARE PUT WHERE MANY MANY PEOPLE GO HIKING BUT THE ACTUAL PATH MAY NOT ACTUALLY BE LABELED A "TRAIL" on a national forest map....So they put traps where people hike but where traps are permitted. I know of several cases of PEOPLE BEING CAUGHT IN TRAPS.

All this begs the question. Your minute so-called "fixes" are TOTALLY USELESS. WE MUST BAN ALL TRAPPING ON PUBLIC LANDS...period! The ACTUAL pain and suffering to ANY person or ANY ANIMAL CAUGHT IN A TRAP IS UNCONSCIONABLE & NEEDLESS.

And almost equally important to our state, we promote tourism, hiking, cross country skiing, biking, etc. DO YOU THINK ANYONE WOULD WANT TO COME TO N.M. TO ENJOY OUR FANTASTIC OUTDOORS IF THEY WERE TOLD TO WATCH OUT FOR 19th CENTURY, CRUEL, PAINFUL TRAPS WHILE OUT IN OUR PUBLIC LANDS? OH, AND BE SURE TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES SO THEY ARE ABLE TO EXTRICATE THEIR BELOVED PET OR CHILD OR THEMSELVES FROM ONE OF THESE MEDIEVAL TORTURES? Perhaps we should have classes to be sure they learn these things before they actually are allowed to go hiking. That might cover N.M. legally.....never mind the horrendous publicity.

Thank you for this opportunity to give you my very strongly heartfelt opinion on your so-called "fixes". NO! We NEED to BAN ALL TRAPPING ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Linda B.

**From:** Toni Carrell ( [REDACTED] ) >  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:27:46 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban use of animal traps in New Mexico

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps and snares are cruel, indiscriminate and exploitative of our wildlife. They have no place on public land. Not only do they cause suffering, they also catch household pets. There is no substantiated evidence to support trapping as a method for 'controlling' wildlife. I am adamantly opposed to the use of these traps and urge you to ban their use on all public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Toni Carrell

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**From:** Peggy Froelich ([REDACTED]) >  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:01:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on rules regarding trapping on public lands

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

These traps are a threat to people and domestic animals as well as causing cruel torture to animals intentionally trapped. This is not acceptable on any public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Peggy Froelich

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**From:** Patricia Whalen ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:43:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

They indiscriminately maim and kill all kinds of wildlife, including vital endangered species. Please stop this practice.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Patricia Whalen

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**From:** Sue Herrmann [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 05:53:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There is no way to ?limit? the kinds of animals that are caught in these barbaric traps. If they are being trapped for their coats, I have to ask why we, as a civilized people, allow this torture to happen. If they are nuisance animals that are causing damage to other species, we need to find another way to reduce these populations.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sue Herrmann

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**From:** Marie Miller [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 05:07:33 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I live in the Santa Cruz area and demand that you END this insane trapping rule. Everyday you endanger our wildlife, our children, and our paets. END TRAPPING now. P.S. I'm also a lifelong hunter.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Marie Miller

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**From:** Laura Bass [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:56:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Laura Bass

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**From:** Valerie Cranmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:55:29 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

One of the reasons I moved to NM was to be able to enjoy seeing its abundant wildlife. I do not want to see any thing being trapped, anywhere. It is a barbaric and outdated inhumane practice.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Valerie Cranmer

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**From:** Mermier Christine [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:53:21 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

My dog, Moki, got stuck in a trap as we were running about 1/2 mile from the Embudo trailhead in Albuquerque right at the foothills by Indian School road. I, luckily was able to free her with help from my friend. The traps are indiscriminate (unlike hunting) and can harm pets, people, endangered species, and any animal, legal or not, When my dog was in the trap we were on an established trail on forest service land, just past the open space boundary. This practice is cruel and dangerous and needs to be ended. Thank you for reading my comments. I hope you will do the right thing and stop the barbaric practice.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mermier Christine

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**From:** Jeffrey Sauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 05:17:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please stop this practice and protect New Mexico's wildlife

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sauer

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**From:** Ekaterina Adams ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 05:32:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing to encourage you to ban trapping from all public lands in New Mexico. Trapping is a cruel, barbaric practice that entails a slow and painful death for animals. Unlike hunting, there is no gamesmanship to trapping. Trapping also endangers humans. Public lands belong to all of us; they are also designated for the protection of nature - animals and people should feel safe on public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ekaterina Adams

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**From:** Carmon Steven ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 02:04:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Carmon Steven

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**From:** Morgan Maxwell [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:03:20 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Morgan Maxwell

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**From:** Wayne Darnell [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:57:26 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Wayne Darnell

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**From:** Dr. David Stupin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 02:14:00 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please outlaw trapping on public lands. Traps cruelly punish trapped animals. It is painful to watch a trapped animal. I tried once to free a trapped wild bobcat where we had hiked and were camping. I didn't have the right tools to quickly kill the animal. My kids cried at the sight of this injured animal, and it was painful and difficult for us to try to kill it. I fear that some day I'll lose my attention and our leashed dog will walk into one of these traps causing great harm to our dog and grief to our family members. When we are backpacking, our dog provides great comfort to us by alerting us to the presence of wild predators. However, we fear that she will be seriously injured by a trap.

Please prohibit recreational and commercial trapping on all public lands.?

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Stupin

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**From:** Delia Barrett ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 06:37:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are indiscriminate, therefore dangerous.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Delia Barrett

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**From:** Sue Nulton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 06:42:43 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There is no real reason for trapping and killing anymore, this isn't the 1800's. Hunting for food is one thing, trapping for the sake of trapping or because some livestock may be threatened is wrong. These animals were here long before the human population and they will survive the demise of humans. It is cruel and inhumane. I only wish those who do trapping could get caught in one of their own traps.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sue Nulton

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**From:** Thomas Mims [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 06:44:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Public lands are for all people to enjoy and benefit from. Trapping has no place on them. It is cruel and indiscriminate. Animals are having a hard enough time surviving as we encroach on their environments without us adding to their burden by placing traps on their trails.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Thomas Mims

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**From:** Mark Bourke [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:15:30 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Mark Bourke

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**From:** Eva Lipton-Ormand [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:28:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

We are the last frontier. Please preserve our unique wildlife. What do future generations have to look forward to.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Eva Lipton-Ormand

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**From:** Sally Sutton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:39:51 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sally Sutton

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**From:** Chris Peck [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 07:41:52 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There is no place for traps and snares anywhere.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Chris Peck

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**From:** Jonathan Hartshorne [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:00:56 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Hartshorne

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**From:** Martha Ennis [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:30:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is long past time to abolish all trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands. Please do it.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Martha Ennis

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**From:** Anne McElderry Zurbay [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 02:32:07 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is both dangerous AND inhumane.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Anne McElderry Zurbay

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**From:** Gaetane Gonzales [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:56:10 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Do not allow any snares or traps on any public lands for wildlife to be killed in a slow, painful manner. This is inhumane and barbaric cruelty to all wildlife!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gaetane Gonzales

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**From:** Yvette Tapp [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 08:58:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Yvette Tapp

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**From:** David Doty ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:24:09 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Because traps can capture any animal, inclined pets, I feel that they should be completely banned. Knowing that this is unlikely, I encourage you to limit and restrict their use as much as possible. Even the target animals are subjected to pain amounting to torture, and I see no justification for this. Our regulations should be compassionate to all sentient beings!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Doty

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**From:** Alicia Hall [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 09:57:13 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Alicia Hall

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**From:** Antoinette Gonzales [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 10:20:55 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Antoinette Gonzales

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**From:** Caroline S?villa [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 03:44:41 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Caroline S?villa

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**From:** Susan Winter [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 05:43:57 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Susan Winter

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**From:** Leslie Bezner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 06:21:03 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This practice is cruel and should not be considered recreational

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Leslie Bezner

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**From:** Freya Harris [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 06:48:38 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Freya Harris

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**From:** Beverley Spears ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 02:34:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is cruel and archaic. Barbaric in fact.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Beverley Spears

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**From:** Kester Oman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 07:10:08 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please step up, be humane and save wild creatures for the sake of the animals and ourselves, for the future and for the present; it will take courage!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Kester Oman

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**From:** Damien Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 07:39:19 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I recently retired and spend a lot of my time hiking, fishing and hunting with my dogs on public lands and National forests. I hope you consider how trapping in these areas hinders recreation. There is no trigger on a trap. They are indiscriminate and lethal. Dying caught in a snare is a terrible way to go.

Thank you for your consideration,

Damien Roberts

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Damien Roberts

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**From:** Everett Cole [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 07:47:54 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Everett Cole

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**From:** Candace Stoughton [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 08:04:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping that causes the animal suffering (e.g. steel jaws of any size, hunger, thirst, etc.) is cruel and unusual punishment and should not be allowed anywhere in the state. NM wildlife of every species are part our our amazing natural heritage and should not be removed from their natural habitat; especially through cruel methods that cause the animal to suffer.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Candace Stoughton

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**From:** Ed Werda [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 09:11:27 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps are a CRUEL and barbaric method of trapping

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ed Werda

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**From:** Ann Cross [REDACTED] >  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 10:00:49 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

This is cruel and unnecessary

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ann Cross

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**From:** Michael F. Rhoderick [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 10:40:38 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is time we put the archaic, cruel practice trapping wild animals where it belongs..in the PAST!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Rhoderick

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[REDACTED] individual associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at [core.help@sierraclub.org](mailto:core.help@sierraclub.org) or (415) 977-5500 for more information.

**From:** Rod Guinn [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 02:40:08 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rod Guinn

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**From:** Rebecca Nafey ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 02:49:57 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Nafey

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**From:** David Stout [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:02:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Stout

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**From:** Brenna Lissoway [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:22:15 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I understand that trapping and snares have a long cultural history in the West, but the time has come to move away from an indiscriminate, cruel, and barbaric practice. Like many other traditions, as our societal values and our environmental conditions change we must adapt, too. As an avid outdoors person and lover of our public lands I want my family, friends, pets, and wildlife neighbors to be able to safely enjoy and thrive in our shared outdoor environments. Its time for New Mexico trapping laws to move into the 21st century.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Brenna Lissoway

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[REDACTED] associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at [core.help@sierraclub.org](mailto:core.help@sierraclub.org) or (415) 977-5500 for more information.

**From:** Avery Ainsworth [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:22:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Please heed the majority of New Mexicans who believe trapping is inhumane and dangerous. Protect our lands for ALL of us.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Avery Ainsworth

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[REDACTED] with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at [REDACTED] for more information.

**From:** Cheri Vasek [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 01:52:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There are many potential negative consequences. For native wildlife, there will be no limits on numbers of animals that might be trapped. It is also possible that domesticated dogs (people's pets) may be trapped as well. Trapping on public lands is ill conceived, and I oppose it strongly.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Cheri Vasek

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**From:** Lawrence Benson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 04:41:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Is Trapping "New Mexico True"

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is an archaic and exceptionally cruel way to kill an animal. Only a small number of greedy and often rule-breaking sadists do this for a living. Make these lazy animal abusers use a firearm if they want to humanely "harvest" wildlife for the pelts or control predators, while insuring not to victimize domestic pets.

The New Mexico Game Commission's stubborn support of trapping is a disgrace that might lead to many tourists boycotting the state if this practice was more widely publicized. .

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Benson

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[REDACTED] associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at core [REDACTED] for more information.

**From:** Johanna Johanson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:28:29 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] No trapping should be allowed

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is inhumane and should be completely banned. The proposed rule falls woefully short of that. Other states have banned it - so why must New Mexico stand for this practice?

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Johanna Johanson

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**From:** Jennifer Edwards [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/26/2019 03:42:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Opposition to trapping on public lands

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is a cruel and vile practice that has no place on lands supported with our tax dollars. Traps are a risk to people and dogs. Our wild places should be safe places for wildlife as their habitats are constantly encroached upon and reduced. I ask that this practice be outlawed on all public lands in New Mexico.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Edwards

[REDACTED]

**From:** Dianne Cress [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 09:17:14 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please no trapping on public lands ,at least!

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I feel that public land should not have any traps. One should be able to feel safe there.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Dianne Cress

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**From:** Jeanette Holmgren <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent time:** 10/27/2019 03:01:30 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land. It is about time you leave your medieval mentality behind and join the rest of us who have stepped in to the modern world. We are not barbarians.

Sincerely,  
Jeanette Holmgren

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Tracy Mcfarland ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 09:30:23 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Tracy Mcfarland

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**From:** David Brenner [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 06:31:41 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping needs to stop.....now! This is barbaric and outdated and hazardous to people and domestic animals. C?mon, already!!!!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David Brenner

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associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian

**From:** Jimmie Thompson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 07:45:54 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There is no economic or ethical reason to continue the cruel and inhumane practice of trapping.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jimmie Thompson

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**From:** John Gordon [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 06:19:06 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I have had two different dogs caught in traps only 10 minutes from Socorro. I know it was on BLM land. Nevertheless I would consider trapping on state land would benefit a very small fee yet pose a threat to many. I think it is a cruel unnecessary activity which historically has run its course.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Gordon

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**From:** Jim Nelson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 09:41:50 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is ferociously cruel, in particular that done with steel leg-hold traps. Aside from its cruelty to its targets, trapping kills non-target, non-pest animals. This "bycatch" is not of concern to trappers, who just throw such victims "away". Traps on public lands are dangerous to humans and their pets, neither of whom should need to remain on a trail to feel safe from being hurt by a trap.

What is the purpose of trapping? To kill furbearing animals for their pelts, which are made into luxury clothing. Do you need to wear fur clothing? Don't you think it looks better on a live animal than on someone's shoulders? I do, and I want to continue hiking our --my-- wild public lands without fear of running into a killing machine set by someone who has no love for the beauty and freedom of wild animals.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Jim Nelson

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**From:** Maya Anthony ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 04:27:49 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I have personally been impacted by traps on public lands that have significantly changed my perception of safety while using public lands. Since my dog was caught in a trap while out in the Carson National Forest, and my mother and I suffered injuries as a complication of this experience, I have been an advocate for a ban on trapping on NM public lands and will continue to do so until the NM Game Commission makes a change for the betterment of all New Mexicans experiences on our public lands.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Maya Anthony

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**From:** Olive Wolff [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 03:25:16 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

There can NEVER be a reason for trapping innocent animals. What kind of a person would think of doing it? Is there an ignorant myth out there that animals do not feel pain as we do? Shameful!!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Olive Wolff

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**From:** John Traceski ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 03:53:59 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I hunt, hike, and fish on public lands with the aid of my 4 legged roommates. I would prefer not to have to risk the tragedy of having a companion animal become a statistic.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

John Traceski

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**From:** Katherine Belzowski ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 03:09:25 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Trapping is an antiquated and in-humane practice. Traps pose a unnecessary danger to humans, dogs, and endangered species. With New Mexico trying to become a name in the Outdoors Industry, it seems counter-intuitive to allow for relaxed trapping regulations. Why would people go hiking on our public lands if they or their dog's foot could end up in a trap. Also what is this B.S. about holding trappers harmless if I injure myself trying to rescue my dog. What am I suppose to do. Let my dog continue to suffer. I doubt any trapper would allow their dog to experience something like that. Lets move forward New Mexico. No one needs to Leonardo DiCaprio circa the Revenant out there.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Katherine Belzowski

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**From:** Suzanne Eiseman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 02:12:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Traps and snares are dangerous to humans and inhumane to animals. Please do not trap on public lands!!!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Eiseman

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**From:** Sean Corbin [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 06:47:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Sean Corbin

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**From:** Ingrid Bucher ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 04:23:44 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I would like you to outlaw all trapping on public lands. It is not only cruel and endangers recreational hikers but it upsets the ecological equilibrium .

Predators kill mice that carry hantavirus.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Bucher

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**From:** Kathrina Clark ( [REDACTED] )  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 04:01:42 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Game Commission

I think all traps should be banned from public lands in New Mexico ASAP, and the discussion about HB 366 should continue during the short legislative session in 2020!

You failed Roxy's owner more than twice. The general public is not safe from these trap on public lands in this state.

One: with the current trapping law infect when on that day Roxy ran into a wire snare. Now you want to just amend the current law or perhaps weaken it, but I don't see any protection for the general public, so this can't happen again!!! We need To BAN Trapping on ALL Public Lands in New Mexico and stop this most cruel hunting activity; such a barbaric, un-ethical and old-fashioned way in killing countless animals!

Two: after research done by game wardens and your commission in February Marty Cordova the killer of Roxy was charged with over 30 misdemeanors. His lawyer asked for some documentation, papers etc. and you, the current commissioners (appointed and installed sometimes in May by current government Michele Lujan) or perhaps the old commissioners, who had to resign in March (I believe) couldn't come up to these requests and also have mishandled important evidence with deleting videos taken at Cordova's residence and/or throwing out plastic bags, other very important evidence that was collected from his home.

Three: the judge will not have sufficient proof and requested paperwork for this case, therefore had to dismiss it and let this trapper go FREE! The current law(s) here failed to protect normal citizens from enjoying a walk with their domestic animals on public lands!

And Marty Cordova hasn't payed a dime for his crimes and is a free man to keep doing whatever he wants, including trapping!?!  
Hmmmh, I wonder if this commission actually has checked if he purchased a trapping license for upcoming season? If he actually marked his traps? If he actually will not trap in or near Santa Cruz Recreation Area, where per current fur bearers and trapping laws it is already illegal!

Today, after living 20 years in this state, and almost one year since we lost Roxy to that gruesome accident, it is not easy to go take my other dogs for a walk and let them have a good run on public lands near Espanola! They are these hidden land mines littering the landscape and my animals are not safe! I am constantly on the lookout for anything unusual! The public and these traps don't mix; they need to be banned, so we can enjoy this state in the 21st century, safely as Land of Enchantment not Land of Entrapment!

Prevention is the key by saying no to traps and change the law ASAP to ban them! Then we don't have to hear about another tragic trapping accident during this next season!

Regards Kathrina Clark!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Kathrina Clark

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**From:** Parisse Bales [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 10:37:22 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Wildlife is pertinent to our planets survival, trappings are destructive to all

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Parisse Bales

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**From:** C Scullin ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 09:43:38 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

The practice is DANGEROUS AND CRUEL! And BENEATH WHAT NEW MEXICO STANDS FOR. Change the rule to eliminate trapping or lose tourists when word gets out!

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

C Scullin

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**From:** Janet Uffer [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 09:07:04 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

Janet Uffer

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent time: 09/26/2017 09:27 AM  
To: Bill Fitzpatrick, Victoria, David, DCF, Susan Harris, Barbara, DCF, Verbach, Jerome, DCF, Pralong, Jerome, DCF, Blain, James, DCF, Andrea David, DCF, Lapan, Travis, DCF  
Subject: HBX1 Re: See Ya Ya Dogs  
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**To current Game Commission of state of New Mexico**

I think all traps should be banned from public lands in New Mexico ASAP, and the discussion about HB 366 should continue during the short legislative session in 2019!

You failed Bony's owner more than twice. The general public is not safe from these traps on public lands in this state.

One: with the current trapping law in effect when on that day Bony ran into a wire snare. Now you want to just amend the current law or perhaps weaken it, but I don't see any protection for the general public, so this can't happen again!! We need To BAN Trapping on ALL Public Lands in New Mexico and stop this most cruel hunting activity, such a barbaric, un-ethical and old-fashioned way of killing countless animals!

Two: after research done by game wardens and your commission in February/March, Cordova the killer of Bony was charged with over 30 misdemeanors. His lawyer asked for some documentation, papers etc. and you, the current commissioners (appointed and unaffiliated sometimes in May by current government Michele Lujan) or perhaps the old commissioners, who had to resign in March (I believe) couldn't come up with these requests and also have mishandled important evidence with deleting videos taken at Cordova's residence and/or throwing out plastic bags, other very important evidence that was collected from his home.

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Prevention is the key by saying NO to traps and change the law ASAP to ban them! Then we don't have to hear about another tragic trapping accident during this next session!

Regards,

Kathrina Clark



Shot from my iPad

**From:** Nancy O [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 03:49:32 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Nancy O

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** Britny Chrisman [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/28/2019 02:21:05 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment

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Dear Commissioner Tirzio Lopez,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Britny Chrisman

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 04:17:48 PM  
**To:** Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules; Prukop, Joanna, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Hello! I do not want any traps on public lands anywhere anymore in New Mexico!!! Sincerely, Lory Slade

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sierra Hemmig [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 04:08:26 PM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd10.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands

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Dear New Mexico Game Commissioners,

I'm writing to urge you to revise the proposed changes to the Trapping and Furbearers Rule for the 2020-2024 period. I have been working on public lands for the past five years, including time in service at USFWS. In this time, I've worked towards habitat restoration in cooperation with state wildlife agencies and members of the public, including hunters and fisherman. With this experience, I can confidently say that many residents of NM, including hunters, are appalled by the lenient, unethical, and illogical rules regarding trapping in our state.

Trapping is in and of itself truly unsportsmanlike and has a high rate of damage and mortality to non-target species of wildlife. It also poses a safety risk to humans, livestock, and pets. Please consider prioritizing the health of our wildlife populations and humans that use our public lands. Consider banning trapping on public lands. We have nothing to lose and a safer, more ecologically diverse community to gain.

Thank you,

Sierra Hemmig

**From:** Gail Jane Schwartz [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 08:09:50 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Gail Jane Schwartz

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**From:** Grace Perez ([REDACTED])  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 10:46:42 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

My position is based on two main factors. New Mexico Statutes 30-18-1 address cruelty to animals, and there is no doubt in my mind that traps for furbearing species pose an unnecessary and unwanted level of cruelty. Additionally, there is no guarantee as to what species will be caught in these traps, from threatened or endangered species to domesticated animals (e.g., my dog) to humans who inadvertently step on our touch a trap. Paraphrasing the Sierra Club, the simple fact that the Sandia Mountains and Organ Mountains may become off limits to trapping signifies that traps and the public are a bad mix. For these reasons this is both a pragmatic and moral issue. Please make all furbearing traps illegal on New Mexico's public lands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

Grace Perez

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** David And Leslie Patterson [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 10:25:17 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is inconceivable to me that in the extinction crisis we are in that OUR public lands are being used to trap and kill needlessly the animals that

Have lived there for thousands of years.

The fish and game community should know how interconnected all of life is. I urge you to start protecting what's left of our diminishing wildlife instead of allowing it to be destroyed.

Dear Game Commissioners,

I oppose allowing commercial and recreational trapping on any of New Mexico's public lands.

Sincerely,

David And Leslie Patterson

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**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 07:10:37 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Tirzio, DGF  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule

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**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 05:50:13 AM  
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Comments on the NMDGF Proposed Trapping and Furbearing Rule  
Submitted by Elisabeth Dicharry, RN, MS  
October 29, 2019

I live in Valencia County. I am a livestock owner. I hike and ride horses on public lands including in arroyos and areas where there are no designated trails. I currently hold and for decades have held NMDGF licenses and habitat stamps.

**I support a ban on body gripping, leg-hold traps and snares on public lands.**

Trapping:

1. Violates the principals of “fair chase”
2. Is essentially minimally regulated because there are no bag limits and traps/snares are indiscriminate. No in-state license or reporting requirement for trapping/snaring unprotected furbearers.
3. Causes the public to fear using public lands especially once trapping season for protected species begins. (Technically, although there is a defined trapping season, for unprotected species trapping season is open all year.)
4. Causes injury, suffering, and death to target and non-target wildlife, domestic animals, and livestock. For non-trapping humans who find an animal caught in a trap, the reaction is emotional distress and very possibly, a post-traumatic stress response.
5. Unlike hunters, trappers can set traps/snares and go. They do not have to be present when an animal is caught; Given trappers are not present, animals languish and suffer in traps. And the traps pose a danger to anyone who may be in the area.
6. Commercially exploits wildlife for profit.
7. Gives trappers more rights and entitlements than to other users of public lands. While trappers can place traps anywhere, non-consumptive users are told to stay on the trail and leash their dogs. Trappers are not required to identify areas where traps are located. And if trappers were required to identify areas, this essentially causes others not to use public lands where traps are located. However, NMDGF warns users of public lands in their rules and info it is illegal to tamper or disarm traps even if the trap poses a danger to humans, pets, livestock, or wildlife.

I support the proposal to ban all poisons used to take wildlife. I support mandatory trapper education. I support the closures listed in the proposal though I think closures should be expanded. The other proposed rules are inadequate and do not protect the public, property, or reduce animal suffering.

**Until trapping and snaring are banned on public lands, I propose the following:**

1. Increase trapping license fees. The \$20 in-state fee is inadequate to cover enforcement of trapping regulations, damage to public lands and wildlife, and needed monitoring/reporting. In addition to a general trapping license, consider a specific animal tagging fee for all furbearers similar to what is done with big game animals.

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7. Define a season for all furbearing species including unprotected species. Stop the open season for unprotected furbearers. Consider reducing the season to account for climate change, recreational use of public lands by non-consumptive users, biologic and reproductive science for target animals. For example, shorten the season for all furbearing species to December 1 to March 1.
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9. Users of public lands will not be prosecuted if they disarm traps they may see while using public lands that pose a danger to themselves, families, pets, livestock, and wildlife. They must notify NMDGF when they disarm a trap or snare.
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  - Manzano Mountains
  - Magdalena Ranger District

- West of Santa Fe such as the Caja Del Rio area
- Jemez Ranger District
- Questa Ranger District including Taos, Red River, and the Enchanted Circle
- Mount Taylor Rancher district
- Backcountry By-ways including adjacent public lands such as the Quebradas, Turquoise Trail, and El Camino Real
- Areas west and north of the Las Cruces area
- Areas with the high incidences of trapping of non-target animals
- Continental Divide Trail
- Rio Grande Trail
- Mexican Grey Wolf recovery areas

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[https://nhnm.unm.edu/sites/default/files/nonsensitive/field/image/NM\\_CHAT\\_Map.jpg](https://nhnm.unm.edu/sites/default/files/nonsensitive/field/image/NM_CHAT_Map.jpg)

In summary, the best solution is to ban body and leg-hold gripping traps and snares on public lands, and to prohibit the use of poison for taking wildlife.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Dicharry, RN, MS  
PO Box 2578  
Los Lunas, NM 87031  
505-269-6534



**From:** Guy Dicharry [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 09:57:22 AM  
**To:** Prukop, Joanna, DGF; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF  
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**From:** Sierra Hemmig [REDACTED]  
**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 04:08:26 PM  
**To:** Joanna.Prukop@state.nm.us <IMCEAMAILTO-Joanna+2EPrukop+40state+2Enm+2Eus@namprd10.prod.outlook.com>; Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF; Bates, Jimmy, DGF; Cramer, Gail, DGF; Lopez, Tirzio, DGF; Soules, David, DGF; Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF; DGF-Furbearer-Rules  
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I'm writing to urge you to revise the proposed changes to the Trapping and Furbearers Rule for the 2020-2024 period. I have been working on public lands for the past five years, including time in service at USFWS. In this time, I've worked towards habitat restoration in cooperation with state wildlife agencies and members of the public, including hunters and fisherman. With this experience, I can confidently say that many residents of NM, including hunters, are appalled by the lenient, unethical, and illogical rules regarding trapping in our state.

Trapping is in and of itself truly unsportsmanlike and has a high rate of damage and mortality to non-target species of wildlife. It also poses a safety risk to humans, livestock, and pets. Please consider prioritizing the health of our wildlife populations and humans that use our public lands. Consider banning trapping on public lands. We have nothing to lose and a safer, more ecologically diverse community to gain.

Thank you,

Sierra Hemmig

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**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 04:17:48 PM  
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Hello! I do not want any traps on public lands anywhere anymore in New Mexico!!! Sincerely, Lory Slade

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 08:09:50 AM  
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**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 10:25:17 AM  
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Dear Tirzio Lopez,

It is inconceivable to me that in the extinction crisis we are in that OUR public lands are being used to trap and kill needlessly the animals that

Have lived there for thousands of years.

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**Sent time:** 10/29/2019 10:46:42 AM  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Prukop, Joanna, DGE](#); [Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGE](#); [Bates, Jimmy, DGE](#); [Cramer, Gail, DGE](#); [Lopez, Tirzio, DGE](#); [Soules, David, DGE](#); [Vesbach, Jeremy, DGE](#); [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Ban Traps from All New Mexico Public Lands  
**Date:** Monday, December 02, 2019 2:59:03 PM

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The Honorable Committee

This opinion letter published in the New York Times expresses my interest in trapping succinctly.

How Not to Kill an Animal

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/18/opinion/animal-trapping-cruelty.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share>

Leslie R. Dimmick



**From:** [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Comment on trapping and furbearer rule  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 10, 2019 7:25:46 PM

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Dear Game Commission Trapping Comments,

Trapping is indiscriminate and painful. Please outlaw this now. Thank you.

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This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider, on behalf of an individual associated with Sierra Club. Please contact Lillian Miller at [core.help@sierraclub.org](mailto:core.help@sierraclub.org) or (415) 977-5500 for more information.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Fur Bearer Rule Comment  
**Date:** Monday, December 02, 2019 3:03:46 PM  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] NMFLB Comments on Trapping and Furbearer Rule  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 3:52:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[NMFLB Position - Trapping and Furbearers.pdf](#)

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Director & Commissioners,

Attached is NMFLB's comments on the proposed changes to 19.31.2 NMAC Trapping and Furbearers – Method, Season Dates, and Bag Limits. If you have any questions please contact me, my information is listed below.

Thank you,

**Tanner Anderson**

Regional Director/YF&R Coordinator

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Ban Cruel Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 2:55:33 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I am appealing to your sense of fairness and decency to totally outlaw the devices that wound and maim and cause needless suffering.

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Kenvin

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Keep Our State Enchanted--ban leghold traps, poison, and snares  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 7:08:53 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I love living in New Mexico. I love the beauty of our vast public lands and I love knowing I can hike in the expanses. However, it is extremely disturbing and downright embarrassing that our Game Commission allows the indiscriminate brutality of leg hold traps, poison, and snares to continue.

The majority of people in our state do not want these cruel practices to continue. You need to listen to the people, be brave to stand against the flimsy excuse of tradition, move our state forward and ban traps, snares and poisons so that New Mexico is a state that is viewed as being progressive and respected, not one stuck in the past.

Sincerely,  
Carol Ann Fugagli

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, January 09, 2020 11:46:22 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food. This is extremely barbaric to any animal, and they don't deserve such torture.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Rama Bharadwaj

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, January 03, 2020 2:41:04 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
sara sexton

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, January 02, 2020 8:50:52 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Brittany Gutierrez

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 26, 2019 1:53:08 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
sara sexton

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 19, 2019 10:54:47 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Stutz

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2019 8:38:05 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Borg

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 4:26:48 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Saturday, December 14, 2019 10:17:09 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Anne Lee

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 13, 2019 10:03:45 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Harry Robinson

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 6:47:45 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Debra Wilson

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019 5:23:45 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Let the Mexican Grey Wolves live a safe and free life in their home land environment. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Shelly Emerson

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019 2:54:51 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
william crosby

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 10, 2019 7:31:40 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Susan Kit Motter

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Monday, December 09, 2019 7:17:06 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Brooke Miltner

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Sunday, December 08, 2019 7:30:50 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
BOB VENTER

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Sunday, December 08, 2019 3:53:38 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Ann Contreras

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Sunday, December 08, 2019 1:22:31 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Clara Marie Cortez

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Sunday, December 08, 2019 2:23:35 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

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Sincerely,  
Rhonda Best

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Saturday, December 07, 2019 2:34:48 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Dagmar Grabsch

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Saturday, December 07, 2019 2:00:41 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
nicolette ludolphi

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Saturday, December 07, 2019 12:55:19 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Tammy Murphy

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Saturday, December 07, 2019 10:36:14 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Judy Carroccio

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Saturday, December 07, 2019 2:38:13 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Jana Menard

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Saturday, December 07, 2019 12:32:31 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

Please do not allow this barbaric and inhumane practice. It's time to move forward ethically. It will be a stain on the reputation of your legacy and state if you allow such practices.

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Dr. J. Anne Hamner

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 11:28:05 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Donna Shore

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 9:32:24 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Hurst-Waitz

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 7:31:44 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Joyce Conway

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 11:35:33 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Maya Bon

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 9:04:24 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Petra Sinclair

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 7:29:56 AM

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Sincerely,  
Patty Kundrat

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 4:20:54 AM

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Sincerely,  
william crosby

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 3:49:25 AM

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Sincerely,  
Maralyn James

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 1:22:01 AM

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Sincerely,  
Rosanna Gianfrancesco

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, December 06, 2019 1:16:32 AM

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 5:21:34 PM

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In this day and age when our ecosystems are becoming more fragile it only makes sense to take easy steps when they are presented.

This should be an easy decision.  
Thank you

Sincerely,  
Sarah Moos

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 4:11:52 PM

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Sincerely,  
Pam Ray

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 3:38:32 PM

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Sincerely,  
Danny Towers

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 10:17:18 AM

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Sincerely,  
Cheri Pilant

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 9:31:03 AM

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Sincerely,  
Jordan Longman

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 7:08:43 AM

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Sincerely,  
Linea Anthony

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
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Sincerely,  
Clara Marie Cortez

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 7:03:07 AM

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 5:56:00 AM

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Sincerely,  
BARBARA ELLIOTT

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 3:46:20 AM

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Sincerely,  
C. Denise Mastroianni-DiBiasi

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 3:42:50 AM

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Sincerely,  
Diane Lang

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 3:10:12 AM

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Sincerely,  
Annie Coustaty

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 11:14:00 PM

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Sincerely,  
Elaine Jimenez

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
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Sincerely,  
Nina Wachtel

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 10:44:33 PM

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Sincerely,  
Nina Coleman

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
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Sincerely,  
Juan Hernandez Garibay

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 9:52:08 PM

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Sincerely,  
Nancy Braunig

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 8:32:19 PM

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Sincerely,  
Justine Noonan

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 7:49:57 PM

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Sincerely,  
Theresa Allen

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 7:39:42 PM

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 6:54:18 PM

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Sincerely,  
Brigitte Maria Evans

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
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Sincerely,  
Liz King

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
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Sincerely,  
Tala Lakota

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 6:39:29 PM

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Sincerely,  
Sandra Rollins

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 6:36:54 PM

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Sincerely,  
NINA ABERNATHY

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 6:08:06 PM

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Sincerely,  
Barbara Blackwood

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 5:47:30 PM

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Sincerely,  
Robert Jones

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 5:40:01 PM

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Sincerely,  
JOBEKAH TROTТА

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
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Sincerely,  
Karen Dunnivant

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 4:44:53 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

It's past time that trapping stops. Majority of Americans want it gone.

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Stock

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 4:35:00 PM

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Sincerely,  
Andrew Davis

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 4:20:54 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I am writing as a Wildlife Ecologist and Manager. Out of all forms of hunting, trapping is the most non-discriminational form. Trapping will snare not only predator, but any form of wildlife so trapping for Wille Coyote you stand the chance of trapping Bambi instead. Let's get some guts and abolish wildlife trapping for good. Let's put fair chase back into the chase.

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Sincerely,  
John Storm

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 4:11:41 PM

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Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Giethlen

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 4:05:39 PM

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Van Cour

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 4:00:36 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jennifer Russell

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 3:53:15 PM

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Sincerely,  
Lynn Phipps

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 3:39:29 PM

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Trapping is cruel, indiscriminate, and a danger to people, pets, and endangered species. It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Bettina Bickel

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 3:37:27 PM

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Sincerely,  
Helen Lloyd

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 3:30:02 PM

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[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 3:18:36 PM

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Sincerely,  
Francis Glennon

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 3:13:49 PM

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Sincerely,  
Myra Craig

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 2:50:37 PM

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Sincerely,  
Becky Davis

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 2:24:04 PM

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Sincerely,  
laura cook

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 2:11:49 PM

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Sincerely,  
Thomas Sandomenico

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:54:58 PM

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Sincerely,  
Aslan Zamazal

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:47:52 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ingrid Jackson

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:40:12 PM

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Sincerely,  
Brian Mercurio

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:17:43 PM

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Sincerely,  
Renate Schewczyk

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:08:41 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jane Porter

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:51:12 PM

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Sincerely,  
Esther van Voort

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:47:27 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

Stop using these horrible inhumane things against wolves. These are living breathing creatures that have as much of a right to live as we humans do. This was their land before we took it from them and now we need to learn to coexist with them. If you need to keep warm buy faux fur. People who wear real fur are disgraceful because it shows they have no respect for wildlife at all. I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Sharon Osgood

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:47:09 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ian Courts

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:43:50 PM

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Sincerely,  
Nancy Harlow

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:32:50 PM

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Sincerely,  
Joanne Paulos

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:26:22 PM

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Sincerely,  
Donna Bengen

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:24:07 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jo Hunt

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:19:17 PM

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Sincerely,  
Susan Finger

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:03:50 PM

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Sincerely,  
Marissa Roybal

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 11:44:27 AM

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Sincerely,  
Jefferson Baum

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 7:44:36 AM

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Sincerely,  
Irene Brodie

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 6:59:03 AM

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Sincerely,  
M Nazelrod

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 5:48:13 AM

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Sincerely,  
Diane Lang

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 3:26:49 AM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I have serious concerns about how New Mexico is failing to protect wildlife, pets residents and travelers by allowing traps on our public lands. I have traveled to Apache–Sitgreaves National Forests to enjoy the beauty and wildlife that is so unique compared to other states I have traveled to. My family and I truly appreciate and value the animals that live in the southwest. Your state is home to the rare and critically endangered Mexican wolf and only 64 of these wolves reside in the state of New Mexico as of November 1st, 2019. My family and I never saw or even heard the howl of one of these incredible wolves in the wild. Most people have never been lucky enough to ever see one. And yet, we read news that so many have been found dead, shot, poached and also caught in traps. Most recent was a Mexican wolf pup caught in a steel trap and it was found in terrible agony. Pets have been injured and have died because of these traps. The public finds this abhorrent and totally unacceptable. I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

It is not enough to ban trapping in just half a percent of the state. Please move forward and ban traps, snares and poisons statewide knowing that you have my full support.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Griffith

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 8:08:41 PM

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Sincerely,  
Tiffany Farrell

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 7:40:37 PM

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Sincerely,  
Dana Belt

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 6:47:43 PM

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Sincerely,  
Shelly Emerson

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 6:10:42 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission show a shred of humanity, and a trace of having balls, by banning leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. The pieces of trash who use traps do not know what they will end up catching.

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Sincerely,  
Ben Higdon

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 5:39:36 PM

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Sincerely,  
Cynthia Hardy

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 4:19:51 PM

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Van Cour

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 3:22:36 PM

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Sincerely,  
Karen Bratty

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 3:14:24 PM

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Sincerely,  
Ian Courts

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 2:52:22 PM

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Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Pereira

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 2:28:48 PM

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Sincerely,  
Norvie Bullock

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 2:24:27 PM

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Sincerely,  
Becky Davis

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 12:08:45 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I'm a scientist living in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Since retiring, I've become interested in ecology and the return of some of our native ecosystems to reasonable natural function.

I am against trapping. When I was a kid, I ran a trap line for several years to earn money. I trapped muskrats, but one day I caught a beaver. It was alive. Beavers were protected, so I ran home, got 2 heavy pliers, ran back and set the beaver free.

I am ashamed of my high school trapping. I now believe that animal trapping is unethical and immoral.

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Sincerely,  
Dr. Bob MacPherson

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Monday, December 02, 2019 8:05:02 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

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Sincerely,  
Donna Stevens

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Friday, January 10, 2020 3:02:58 PM

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Sincerely,  
sara sexton

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Please Prohibit Traps, Snares, and Poisons  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:41:16 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

Hello. As a Texan, I am envious of the vast wild lands and the relative abundance of wildlife New Mexico possesses. As a neighbor to NM, I am encouraged by the progress made regarding the Mexican Gray Wolf, hopeful that one day the wolf can reclaim some of its native homeland in Texas. The journey of this endangered species' reintroduction has been filled with obstacles and challenges. It is my hope and appreciation that the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will continue active initiative to restore and expand the Mexican Gray Wolf's home range.

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Paul Nelson

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Cc:** [Salazar-Henry, Roberta, DGF](#); [Bates, Jimmy, DGF](#); [Cramer, Gail, DGF](#); [Lopez, Tirzio, DGF](#); [Soules, David, DGF](#); [Vesbach, Jeremy, DGF](#); [Sloane, Michael B., DGF](#); [Liley, Stewart, DGF](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] public comment against furbearer trapping rule  
**Date:** Sunday, January 12, 2020 5:00:34 PM

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I am submitting the following comment in opposition to the proposed furbearer trapping rule which the New Mexico State Game Commission plans to approve at its next regular meeting on January 17, 2020. The Commissioners have made it clear during the rule-making process that they intend to rubber-stamp the proposal which Wildlife Management Director Stewart Liley has prepared at the request of the disgraced former chair of the commission, Joanna Prukop, for the benefit of hunting, trapping, and livestock interests. I am including Mr. Liley and each of the remaining commissioners in this email to make it clear that I hold each of you, individually and collectively, responsible for the corrupt system which perpetuates animal cruelty and ignores public concern for protecting wildlife.

The proposed furbearer trapping rule falsely claims to be “humane” and scientific.” It is neither.

The most obvious and most serious area in which this rule ignores science is the refusal to acknowledge climate change. At least a billion animals are estimated to have been killed by the fires now raging in Australia, which is a direct result of climate change. It is just a matter of time before New Mexico again sees large fires, likely far larger than the ones we have seen recently. Even without large fires, we have seen the degradation of wildlife habit as the climate heats up. The self-described “biologists” (*i.e.* game managers) are apparently oblivious to the effects of climate change that are already visible, not to mention changes likely to occur over the four-year period covered by the furbearer trapping rule.

Equally egregious is the game department’s deceptive claim that their trapping proposal meets international standards for humane treatment of animals. The justification, following the propaganda of the Boone and Crockett Club (of which Ms. Prukop was a prominent member), is that the trapping rule abides by the so-called “Best Management Practices” described in an Agreed Minute between the USA and the European Union.

The Agreed Minute is a trade agreement, not a scientific practice or humane standard. The European Union has banned trapping as a cruel practice. In order not to upset trade relations with North America, the EU agreed to allow Canada (which set the standards of the Agreed Minute) and the USA to export furs to the EU, even though they are the products of practices banned within the EU. Moreover, the Agreed Minute encourages U.S. states to follow their lead in banning trapping, which California has recently done.

The Game Commission should reject the proposed furbearer trapping rule developed by the former game commission chair, and open a new rule-making process to completely ban wildlife trapping. If the commissioners continue to rubber-stamp existing game department policy, it will be up to the governor to find new commissioners who reflect the public’s concern with saving wildlife in an era of climate change and mass extinction.

Marc Bedner

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] snaring non-furbearers  
**Date:** Monday, January 06, 2020 4:57:13 PM

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Howdy!

My interest in snaring is for non-game, non-furbearing, non-protected invasive critters. Would these changes apply to me?

Leonard M.Urban

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] These are men's animals  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 8:19:02 AM

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The problem New Mexico has is the number of degenerates in men's uniforms running around, not the fact that we have men's animals on our lands. These traps are beyond cowardly and weird, so it's pretty obvious who's responsible for them. Just be men, and understand the prowess of a strong, capable animal rather than be scared of it. No freaks in the government, please.

Jordan G Longman

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] This is barbaric. Please Prohibit Traps, Snares and Poisons  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 9:59:33 PM

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Dear New Mexico Department of Game and Fish,

I request that the New Mexico Game Commission ban leghold traps, wire snares and poisons throughout the state. Whereas hunters are supposed to know exactly what's in their sights before pulling the trigger, trappers can't be sure which animals will step into their traps. Nontarget animals like family dogs and endangered Mexican gray wolves continue to suffer injuries and even death. And unlike hunting, which often kills animals quickly, trapped animals must endure hours or days without shelter, water or food.

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Sincerely,  
Rebecca Dangelo

[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping is barbaric and evil  
**Date:** Thursday, December 05, 2019 6:37:35 PM

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Sincerely,  
Lee Kolb

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping Rule Public Comment  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2019 4:15:11 PM

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Dear NMDGF Furbearer Rule Public Comment Email,

As a New Mexican, I am writing you to express my opposition to traps and snares on public land.

Sincerely,  
Jana Harker

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping rule  
**Date:** Monday, December 02, 2019 9:31:07 PM

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Please stop this barbaric practice which causes unnecessary pain and suffering to the animals caught.

Thank you  
Robert Jones

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [DGF-Furbearer-Rules](#)  
**Subject:** [EXT] Trapping  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 8:50:14 AM

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“Conserving wildlife for future generations” is your mission? So sad that you allow trapping on public lands! It is barbaric and kills animals like the Mexican grey wolves that need protection. I’m very disappointed that NM isn’t more progressive about caring for our resources here and would allow hunting/ trapping interests to dominate this conversation. Please stop trapping!

Linda Adair

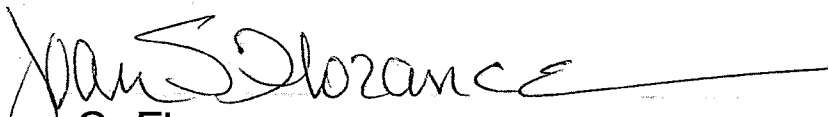


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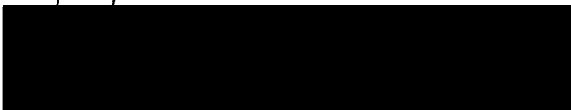
NM DGF,  
Attn: Furbearer Rule Development  
P. O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, N. M. 87504

Please outlaw the use of traps and snares in New Mexico. It is barbaric and should be illegal. Trapping is unfair and very, very cruel, and I as a New Mexican oppose the use of traps and snares. I believe no animal should have to suffer or experience such excruciating pain...PLEASE OUTLAW ALL TRAPS AND SNARES IN OUR STATE AT ONCE, and I do mean NOW.

Sincerely and with hope in my heart,



Joan S. Florance



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Furbearer Rule Development  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

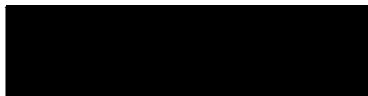
To Whom it May Concern:

I understand there is a comment period for the rules of trapping in New Mexico. Like the majority of New Mexicans, I oppose the continuation of trapping. It is indiscriminate in killing any animal that encounters the baited trap. That includes, of course, any species that may be endangered or threatened. It should be banned completely on public lands where the game and fish department has authority. It is my hope that you will eliminate or at the very least, severely curtail the inhuman and barbaric use of metal claw traps in NM.

Thank you for taking my comments.



Edith C Whitson



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attention: Fur-bearing Rule Development

I am so grateful for this opportunity to register my extreme objection on the issue of cruel inhumane trapping. It is beyond comprehension that this horror has continued year after year anywhere. A fervent hope that this disgrace will be discontinued at all locations. It is an ugly reflection on the state of New Mexico.

Sincerely,  
Olive Elliott



10-21-2019

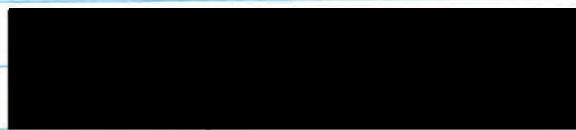
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Att: Furbearer Rule Development  
P.O. BOX 25112  
Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

Greetings:

In the name of decency and integrity of this state, "listen up"! Public land means public land, not, I repeat not trapping land.

Stop the use of steel jaw traps, snares, leg/foot holds, or any kind of torturous devices on public lands. I suggest not to use cosmetic language of law to cover up or appease. This country girl speaks out for safe land for animals and humans. Do not allow the almighty dollar to rule any longer. Time for change.

Respectfully and Serious,  
Charlotte Stonestreet



cc: file



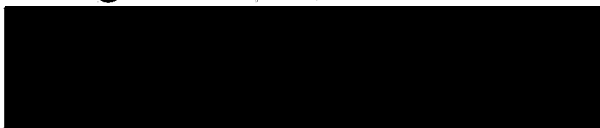
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Douglas G. Florance



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Grace Sussman, Ed.D



October 22, 2019

Furbearer Rule Development  
P. O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It May Concern:

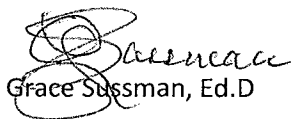
I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that the law should be changed making trapping illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal caught in a trap experiences excruciating pain. It is barbaric and cruel. It doesn't matter whether the animal is a fawn, a Mexican grey wolf, a cougar cub. Some animals try to escape by chewing their feet off or they lie in misery for hours or even days before a predator kills them or they die from the injuries. There is no reason for any animal to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,



Grace Sussman, Ed.D

Nigel Nardo



OCTOBER 23, 2019

FURBEARER RULE DEVELOPMENT

P.O. BOX 26112

SANTA FE, NM 87504

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING IN CONCERN OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A FOUR-YEAR PLAN TO CHANGE NEW MEXICO'S TRAPPING RULES. I BELIEVE THE LAW SHOULD BE CHANGED MAKING TRAPPING ILLEGAL.

ASKING FOR THIS CHANGE IN LAW WOULD PROTECT ANY ANIMAL CAUGHT IN A TRAP. THE ACT OF TRAPPING IS CRUEL WHILE THE ANIMALS EXPERIENCE EXCRUCIATING PAIN WHEN TRAPPED. SOME ANIMALS LIE IN MISERY FOR HOURS OR EVEN DAYS BEFORE A PREDATOR KILLS THEM OR THEY DIE FROM THE INJURIES

AS A RESIDENT OF NEW MEXICO, I BELIEVE OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ENSURE OUR ENVIRONMENT AND THE CREATURES LIVING IN IT A COMPASSIONATE CONCERN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY CONCERN

SINCERELY

Nigel Nardo

Xavier Gonzales



October 23rd, 2019

Furbearer Rule Development  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing concerning for a plan to change New Mexico's trapping law. I wish for it to be changed to where we make trapping illegal.

I want this law to change simply because no animal deserves to suffer in this manner. New Mexico as a state can easily come up with better solutions to keep wild animals sectioned away. There is fences we can put up or simply put up warning signs so civilians can know to stay away, I think the trap is too harsh. Animals don't deserve to bleed to death or starve.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe we can come up with a better solution for our wild life to be sectioned.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.  
Sincerely,  
~~James~~ Xavier Gonzales.

Giovanna Y Storm

October 23 2019

~~Furbearer~~ Furbearer Rule Development

P.O Box 25112

Santa Fe, NM 87502

To whom it may concern,

I am writing concerning New Mexico's trapping rules. Being that my belief is that the law should be changed making trapping ~~be~~ illegal.

I believe that we should make trapping illegal because it can be dangerous to our community and it can effect us horribly. It doesn't only effect us it effects the wildlife, considering not only is it an awful way to die but it also is a painful death that can starve the animal or injure it. It can effect our community because, maybe one of your children or yourself can step onto a trap without notice. Not only is it dangerous but it can harm wildlife and all wildlife should be protected and not be able to suffer in the traps.

As a resident of New Mexico, I am concern about the living creatures in New Mexico that get affected.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely, <sup>gs</sup> Giovanna Y Storm

Yesenia Rodriguez

October 23, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning the trapping rules + changing the four-year plan. I believe that trapping should be made illegal.

I ask to change this law because any animal caught will be put through excruciating pain. This makes the situation cruel + barbaric, whether the animal is fawn or not it shouldn't matter. This includes animals like a Mexican grey wolf, + a cougar cub. Some animals lay in misery for hours or days which leads to them chewing their own feet off to escape before a predator kills them or they die from the injuries. No animal should have to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe we should have the responsibility of ensuring our environment for the animals.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely



Yesenia Rodriguez

Raquel Escamilla



October 23, 2019

Furbear Rule Department  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in concerns for the safety of wildlife and why trapping should be stopped.

My reason for this letter is to ask for a change in the way we hunt, animals who are trapped in between steel jaws go through excruciating pain. This is barbaric and cruel to the animal as they are left to die, get eaten by bigger prey, or even chew their own limb off. These animals have no reason to suffer, even dogs on walks are exposed to these dangers, traps are very harmful.

As a resident of New Mexico, I am standing up for the wildlife and taking a stand against traps.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Raquel Escamilla

Eric Jurado

October 23, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that the law should be changed making trapping illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal caught in a trap experiences excruciating pain. It is barbaric and cruel. It doesn't matter whether the animal is a fawn, a Mexican Grey wolf, a cougar cub. Some animals try to escape by chewing their feet off or they lie in misery for hours or even days before a predator kills them or they die from the injuries. There are no reasons for any animal to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern

Sincerely,

Eric Jurado





Bianca Thompson

October 23, 2019

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter concerning the issue we have with trapping. Also to contribute to the idea of the proposed four year plan that makes changes to the trapping rules.

I am encouraging a change in the trapping ways because it is a cruel and inhumane way of hunting. I have a strong love for all animals. My belief is that no animal should suffer this slow and excruciating death. It is not only affecting our wildlife, it is also affecting our domesticated animals. The thought of these animals trying to escape the traps by chewing off their body part that is trapped is heartbreaking. No animal should endure this pain and suffering.

As a person who lives in New Mexico, I believe that we should make our land and public lands a safe environment for all our beautiful wildlife, and domesticated animals.

Thank You for your consideration of my concern.  
Sincerely,

Bianca F. Thompson *Bianca Thompson*

Stevie Ornelas

October 23, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning for a four year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. I believe that trapping should be illegal.

I am asking for the sake of innocent animals due to their pain endured in the traps that are set up. Some animals harm themselves by trying to escape these traps. If they are not able to escape, they are eaten by their predators or die from starvation or their injuries.

As a resident of New Mexico, it is my responsibility to ensure the safety of our animals because we all share the same home.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Stevie Ornelas

Stevie Ornelas

Angel Alvarez

10/23/2014

Furbearer Pelt Development  
P.O. Box 2542  
Santa Fe, NM, 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that trapping should be illegal.

The reason why I am asking for the law to be changed is because this is cruel and evil to our animals who we humans share this planet with. To imagine that if these animals could and can be trapped for days or weeks is horrendous. It is way more humane to kill these animals just and painless rather than having them be in a trap for a long period, and eventually having a misery death.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Angel Alvarez



Ozzie Holguin



October 23, 2019

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P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that these traps should be completely illegal.

I am asking for this change because traps seem so cruel. There is no reason a living creature should try to chew themselves out of a trap. A fair game is you hunting the animal and give it a chance to counter act. IF this was you, you would like a chance to run. Having to wait hours or days for your despise to come is horrible. IF you cant hunt the regular way then you shouldn't be at all.

As a human person I would not want anything to suffer like this. As a New Mexican we need to protect and help our environment.

Thank you for listening and considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Ozzie Holguin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ozzie.H".

Sofia Luna



October 23, 2019

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P.O. Box 25112

Santa Fe NM 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning the hunt on our public lands which I believe should be illegal

The traps are causing more harm than good, as they are trapping pets instead of wild animals. If they do catch a wild animal it would still be cruel since they would be trapped for days and end up chewing their leg off or dying a so miserable death. No animal should be allowed to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, safety should always be a priority even if it is for our pets or wild life.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern

Sincerely

*Sofia Luna*

Sofia Luna

Delilah Casas

October 22, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It may concern:

I am writing concerning the four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. In my belief the law should make trapping illegal.

I am asking the law should be changed because the trap catches any animal that steps into it. It does not matter IF it is a fawn, Mexican gray wolf, cougar cub or a pet dog it is very cruel to harm an animal that way. It is also very difficult and expensive to enforce.

As a Resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure the safety of our people and these defenseless creatures.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Delilah C.

Miguel Dozabi - Herrera

October 22, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that the law should be changed making trapping illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal is a fawn, a Mexican grey wolf, a cougar cub, some animals try to escape by chewing their feet off or they lie in misery for hours or even days before a predator kills them or they die from the injuries. There is no reason for any animal to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern.

Thank you for your  
consideration of my concern.  
😊 Miguel Dozabi

Darlene Rowe



October 22, 2019

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Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that the law should be changed making trapping illegal.

Any animal caught in a trap experiences excruciating pain. This is why I am asking for the law to be changed. It does not matter what type of animal it is. Some animals lie in misery for hours, even days before they die from injuries or is killed by a predator. No animal should suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and creatures living in it a compassion concern.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely  
Darlene Rowe  
Darlene Rowe



Aaron Olivas



October 22, 2019

Furbearer Rule Development  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a change of New Mexico's trapping rules. I believe that trapping should be illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because no animal should experience the pain when caught. I believe it is cruel to trap any kind of animal. There are animals that try to escape by chewing off their feet or even worse they can lie in misery for hours or even days before a predator kills them or ends up dying from the injuries. I believe in that any animal should not suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Aaron Olivas

Arthur Owens

October 22, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal to change the state of New Mexico trapping rules. I believe trapping should be made illegal.

I ask for change because trapping is barbaric and indiscriminate. The trap doesn't know the difference between a bear, a wolf, or a pet dog. Any animal that falls victim to them must either chew off a limb or die in slow agony. We are a modern society we don't need iron age hunting techniques.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe it is our duty to not only protect this beautiful environment but those who call it home as well.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Arthur Owens.



Justin Phillip Jehovian

Oct - 22 - 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning about the proposal of change in New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that law should be changed making trapping illegal.

I am asking for change in the law because any animal which it caught in the trap suffering agonizing pain. It is extremely brutal and cruel. Animals are trying to escape from the trap are lying on land and finally becoming prey to the predator. There is no reason for an animal to suffer like this.

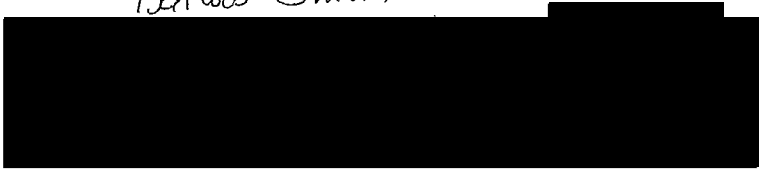
I believe our responsibility is to keep our environment and creatures living with us to be safe and secure.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

J. Justin Phillip

Barlow Smith



October 22, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that the law should be changed making trapping illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal caught in a trap experiences excruciating pain. It is barbaric and cruel. It doesn't matter whether the animal is a Rabbit, a Coyote, or a Beaver. Some animals try to escape by chewing their feet off or they lie in misery for hours or even days before a predator kills them or they die from the injuries. There is no reason for any animal to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,



Barlow Smith

Jonathan Vargas

October 22, 2019

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P.O. Box 25112

Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter on a concern to change New Mexico's trapping rules. In my belief I feel the law should change trapping to be illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal caught in a trap experiences excruciating pain. It is barbaric and cruel. It doesn't matter whether the animal is fawn, a Mexican grey wolf, a cougar cub.

In attempt these animals try to escape these traps by chewing their feet off or simply just lie in misery for hours or even days on hopes to escape but most of these animals either die from their injuries or are killed by a predator. There should be no reason for any animal to suffer like this in any type of way.

As a fellow resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility as a whole is to ensure our environment as well as with the creatures that live within it are kept safe and trap free.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Vargas.

Vanessa Jimenez



October 22, 2019

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing concerning a proposal to change the laws in New Mexico which would make the use of animal traps illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal caught in these traps suffer in excruciating pain. It really doesn't matter if the animal is a fawn, a Mexican grey wolf or a cougar cub. No animal should have to suffer in such a cruel way. If caught in these <sup>traps</sup> animals either die from injuries or hunger and there's no reason for it.

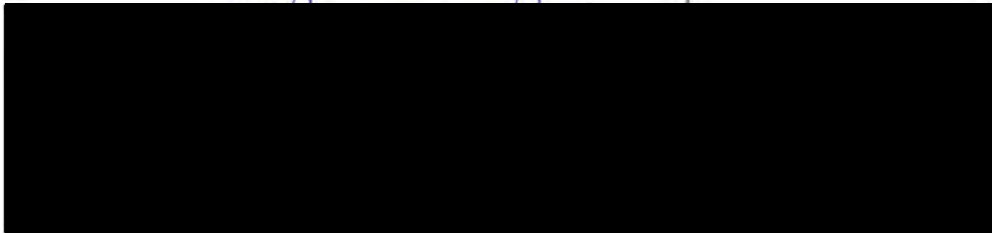
As a New Mexico resident I believe its important that we make sure we take care of our environment and the animals living in it.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern,

Sincerely,

Vanessa Jimenez

Asya Griego



October 22, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom it may concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's animal trapping rules. I believe that trapping should become illegal as a law.

I am asking for a change in the law because animal trapping is unfair and cruel to not only the innocent animals, but the endangerment it causes for humans as well. These traps are made to trap and capture wild animals but that does not mean it cannot harm loose animals such as cats and dogs. The thought of the harm is heartbreaking, could you imagine the pain they endure?

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Asya Griego

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Asya Griego".

Jared Candalaria



October 22, 2019

Furbearer Rule Development  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that the law should be changed making trapping illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal caught in a trap experiences excruciating pain. It is barbaric and cruel. It doesn't matter whether the animal is a fawn, a Mexican grey wolf, a cougar cub. Some animals try to escape by chewing their feet off or they lie in misery for hours or even days before a predator kills them or they die from the injuries. There is no reason for any animal to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern

Sincerely,

Jared Candalaria, 



Andrea Anaya



October 22, 2019

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To whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. I believe that the law should be changed making trapping illegal.

I believe trapping is barbaric and cruel and I'm asking for a change. There is no reason for any animal to suffer like this. Especially my own beloved pet whom may get caught in a trap and suffer consequences that would result in injury and trauma.

As a resident of New Mexico I feel its our duty and responsibility to ensure the safety of animals and our pets.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern and for my beloved cat Ms. Kitty.

Sincerely,  
  
Andrea Anaya

Maria Gize Cervantes

October 22 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom may concern:

I am writing to support the concerning of the proposal for a plan to change NM New Mexico's trapping rules. My believe is that, the law make this traps illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because animals caught in the traps. experience excruciating pain and its cruel. It doesn't matter, whether the animal is a fawn, wolf or a cougar cub, animals suffer alot before predator kills them or they die from injuries, There is not need for the animals to suffer like this. Its inhuman to let them die like this.

Kavozio Graves



October 22, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules for the better. I believe we should change the law making trapping illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal caught in a trap goes through excruciating pain or even death. It is barbaric and cruel. It doesn't matter whether the animal is a fawn, a Mexican grey wolf or a cougar cub. Some animals try to escape by chewing their feet off or they lie in misery for hours or even days before a predator kills them or they die from the injuries. There is no reason for any animal to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern

Sincerely,

Kavozio Graves

Bryce Gomez



October 22, 2019

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To whom it may concern

I am writing concerning for a proposal to change New Mexico's trapping rules. I believe that this should be illegal and a law as soon as possible.

I am asking for a change in the law because any animal caught in a trap experiences ridiculous amounts of pain, even if a human walked into one, their foot is going to be torn to shreds. Some animals try to escape by chewing their feet off or lie in misery for hours or even days before they bleed out or another animal finds them for dinner. No animal should suffer from this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our job is to keep our environment and the creatures living in it safe and sound.

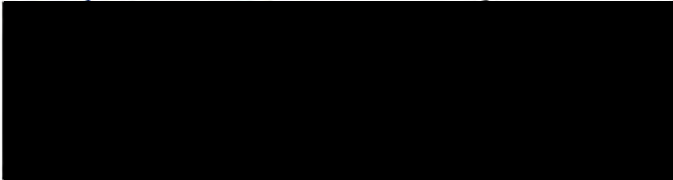
Thank you for your consideration for my concern.

Sincerely

Bryce Gomez

Bryce Gomez

Bryan Lopez



October 22, 2019

Furbearer Rule Development.

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. My belief is that the law should be changed making trapping illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because all animals caught in a trap are going through horrific pain. It doesn't matter what animal gets caught, but they all have a life and feelings. Some animals try to escape by chewing their feet off or they lie in misery for hours or even days. There is no reason for any animal to suffer like this.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern.

Thankyou. for your consideration of my concern,

Sincerely,

Bryan LOPEZ.



Gabriel Mendez



October 22, 2019

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P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing concerning the proposal for a four-year Plan to change New Mexico's trapping rules. I believe the laws should be changed to make trapping illegal.

I am asking for a change in the law because any type of ~~trap~~ animal caught in a trap experiences immense pain and suffering. It doesn't matter what kind of animal it is, we all know how horrible it is to ~~be~~ be in a situation you're uncomfortable in. There is no reason for any animal to suffer.

As a resident of New Mexico, I believe our responsibility is to ensure our environment and the creatures living in it a compassionate concern.

Thank you for your consideration of my concern.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Mendez

**COLLEEN D. JONES**



October 22, 2019

NM Dept. of Game & Fish

Attn: Furbearing Rule Development

P.O. Box 25112

Santa Fe, NM 87504

Gentlemen:

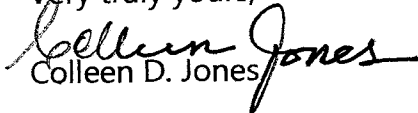
I am writing regarding your policy on trapping/snaring in New Mexico. You know how the 1% in U.S. Have the most money and 99% are the majority. Well, 99% of New Mexicans are opposed to trapping fur-bearing animals in our state.

Why does New Mexico have to have the most barbaric practices in the country? (how're you doing against cockfighting and dog fighting) I want you to ban this practice in its entirety. Train these moronic fur trappers for some other job, not killing which is not for food. No one would use real fur anymore, only synthetic.

I thought with our new governor we would have a better board on Game & Fish, but, incredibly, you are worse than the last one.

Stand up, do your duty to the people of New Mexico who want this practice banned!

Very truly yours,

  
Colleen D. Jones

cc: Gov. M. Lujan Grisham

Ann Noble



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
Attn: Furbearer Department  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to give my comments on the proposed furbearer trapping proposal changes in New Mexico.

I have long been opposed to any form of trapping or any indiscriminate removal of any wildlife in New Mexico. This is and has always been a barbaric practice which causes animals of all kinds to suffer needlessly at the hands of a few individuals who kill and decimate our beautiful wild animals for nothing except their own profit.

**I hope that you will stop this cruelty NOW.**

Sincerely,

  
Ann Noble



October 22, 2019

Department of Game and Fish

Public Comment on Furbearer Rule Development Changes

Dear Sirs,

I am unable to make any of the public meetings on this topic, yet I feel so strongly about trapping in New Mexico that I must make every effort to make my feelings known. I live in the foothills and enjoy our unusual variety of fur-bearing critters who visit my home and I see while hiking in this area. I deplore the out-dated concept of indiscriminate trapping. A friend of mine had her dog caught in such a trap while walking in the foothills. How can one be assured an endangered or domestic animal will not get caught?

Lately we have bobcats that occasionally let themselves be seen. And also lately we have not had a problem with mice. Bobcats, coyotes and other critters that are being trapped are the necessary predators to prevent hanta virus, plague and other rodent-carried diseases. We need them to maintain a healthy balance of our environment.

I see your revisions will outlaw trapping in the Sandia Ranger District. Hopefully this will prevent any further pet "accidents" in this area. However, I would encourage you to outlaw all trapping on any government lands, unless there is a specific threat that can only be met with this barbaric method.

I read that there are only a couple thousand legal trappers in New Mexico. Yet there are many thousands like me who violently oppose such an inhumane method of killing animals. It's scary to think someone is actually making a living off of animal skins (how many must they kill). And I doubt they are eating what they catch. I do not support killing animals for sport! Surely the license money from trapping is not a major factor of the New Mexico budget.

If you cannot outlaw this atrocity, then at least put it to a vote and let the citizens decide whether we can continue this practice.

Sincerely,

  
Suzanne Schneider

Professor Emeritus, UNM

Sschneid@unm.edu

G.A. Martinez

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New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
Attn: Furbearer Department  
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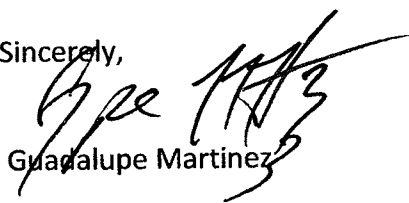
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**I hope that you will stop this cruelty NOW.**

Sincerely,

  
Guadalupe Martinez

STEVEN J. DAYTON



Joanna Prukop, District Four Commissioner  
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Dear Commissioner Prukop,

I wish to add my voice to urge the Game and Fish Commission and you to restrict and eliminate most trapping on New Mexico public lands. Traps are indiscriminate, cruel, trap non-target species including pets and their effects on target and non-target species populations are poorly understood. A majority of New Mexicans are opposed to any trapping on public lands and the existing trapping regime is poorly regulated.

Sincerely, Steven J Dayton

*Thank you for your consideration.*

*Steve Dayton*

# Your Community Voice in the Carson

Sept. 17, 2018



**Carson Forest Watch**

Box 15 Llano, NM • 87543 •  
(505) 587-2848

Joanna Prukop -  
N.M. Game Commission  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

on behalf of Carson Forest Watch Citizens Group in  
Taos County, N.M., I am writing to urge the  
N.M. Game Commission to increase protections  
for our State's wildlife, and strengthen our State's  
trapping regulations.

The current proposals are a step in the right  
direction - but they do not go far enough to insure  
that trapping in N.M. does not harm threatened &  
endangered species, as well as public safety.  
- we remain concerned regarding threats to  
non-target species, and pets, as well as important  
predator species.

We support a ban on traps & snares on  
all public land in New Mexico, and merely  
→

"We abuse land  
because we  
regard it as a  
commodity  
belonging to us.  
When we see  
land as a  
community to  
which we belong,  
we will begin to  
use it with love  
and respect."

- Aldo Leopold



Moving traps further from roads & trails is not adequate to insure protection for our pets and wildlife.

Please address this concern and take steps to strengthen New Mexico trapping regs. We live in rural Taos County, adjacent to the Carson National Forest. Many of my neighbors raise livestock - yet also value our state wildlife and do not support traps on our public lands.

Thank you  
Sincerely, Joanne Bede  
of Carson Forest Watch

also - we request the Game Commission review and revise our state's Bear Hunt Quota - esp. for sows. We remain concerned regarding the unsustainable harvest numbers of female bears and are concerned for the future health of our state's Bear population. Recent drought & habitat loss threaten Bear reproduction & health and viability and forest of females only further puts future reproduction at risk. Please review Bear Saw harvest numbers and reduce them to protect our Bear population into the future. Please share this letter with other Commission members. Thanks.

# Your Community Voice in the Carson



Re: Bear-Cougar Rules  
& New Trapping Policy Comments

Carson Forest Watch

Box 15 Llano, NM • 87543 • 505-587-2848

Oct. 29, 2019

Furbearer Rule Development -  
NMDOTF

N.M. Game Commission

P.O. Box 25112

Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

on behalf of Carson forest watch citizens group in  
rural Northern New Mexico the following are comments  
regarding Bear & Cougar Hunt proposals:

1) we support the proposal to end sport trapping of  
cougars and reduce the unsustainable quotas of this  
species.

2) we remain concerned regarding the Bear hunt quotas  
and are concerned regarding the take of female bears  
in New Mexico may not be sustainable.

3) we remain concerned regarding trapping practices in  
N.M. and the impacts of this policy upon our  
State's wildlife - both target and non-target species.  
we don't support the current allowance of trapping without  
adequate quota limits & population data to  
demonstrate if these practices are causing a threat to  
the viability of bobcats in New Mexico.

4) The proposal setbacks from trails and buffers  
from trail heads (1/2 mile) are not sufficient to  
insure public safety. while these are a good  
start - they are not adequate and don't reflect  
the majority of New Mexicans who oppose traps  
→

To those who protect our environment: re trapping  
October 30, 2019

On Oct. 19, 2019 I sent an email to dgf-furbearer-rules@state. I received a message stating the recipient's mailbox is undergoing maintenance...try sending msg later.

Last evening, 10/29/19, I left my house at 5:30 to attend the meeting at 7816 Alamo Rd to voice my objection to indiscriminate trapping of animals. I had sought instructions from a map on my lap top that showed me I could go north on Rio Grande, turn west on Paseo del Norte and then south on Alamo Rd. You probably are shaking your head, knowing this would not get me to my intended destination. I drove until my return home at 7:30 in search of the Game and Fish office.

It is disappointing and frustrating that I have not been able to strongly object to ill treatment and killing of our fellow creatures. Trapping must be owned by the individual who has a license and justifiable reason for doing so. Please accept this letter as an effort to weigh in, as a concerned citizen, on any form of inhumane treatment to animals.

Most respectfully submitted,

*Evelyn Byatt-Ballantine*

Evelyn Byatt-Ballantine, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Approved: [REDACTED]  
Date: [REDACTED]

Approved: [REDACTED] Date: [REDACTED]

October 2019

# Clock is ticking — Stand up against trapping

End the danger to native wildlife,  
humans and their pets on public lands

BY SUZANNE REED  
SANTA FE RESIDENT

Many of us New Mexicans are — or know — people who “fair chase” hunt on our public lands. Our state Department of Game & Fish (DGF) rules give over 80,000 licensed hunters seasonal opportunities to shoot wildlife game by arrow or gun. Some hunt for food, some for a trophy, many to maintain a family tradition.

Soon, our state game commission, which oversees DGF, will vote on a very different set of public land hunting rules — the trapping of “fur bearers.” Existing DGF trapping rules are plagued with environmental, economic and ethical problems. Their victims: native wildlife, taxpayers, and the domesticated animals and humans that use public lands.

It's time for change. New Mexico has only a few thousand licensed trappers — 2,037 in the 2017-18 season. Their traps “harvested” over 5,100 “protected furbearers”; 90% were foxes and bobcats. N.M. trappers pay \$20 for a license, typically sell the fur pelts and pay no GRT on them. DGF rules require trappers “bag” — kill — an unlimited number of furbearers — “protected” or not. New Mexicans can also trap unprotected furbearers — e.g., coyotes — year-round without a license.

A trap indiscriminately catches any animal that steps into it — whether it be a fawn, critically endangered Mexican gray wolf, cougar cub, livestock or pet dog. When the trap's steel jaw, snare, cage, or leg hold closes onto it, the animal can experience excruciating pain. It is always immobilized. Some animals try to escape by chewing their foot off. They lie in misery for hours or days before the trapper or another predator comes by to finish them off. Trapping is not “fair chase” hunting. It is bar-



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baric and cruel. What's more, the DGF policy that allows trappers to litter our public lands with hidden traps is dangerous — and very difficult and expensive to enforce. A recent example: DGF botching the criminal case against the trapper charged with 34 counts of illegal trapping and killing the pet dog that inspired ‘Roxy's Law’.

It's no wonder that 69% of New Mexico voters oppose the use of traps and snares. Yet now, DGF proposes a four-year plan that makes only cosmetic changes to New Mexico trapping rules.

This month, our governor's new game commission is accepting public comments before it votes on the new rules. How can we open their minds and hearts to change New Mexico trapping rules? Here are four things each of us can do now.

- Participate in the game commission's upcoming evening meeting nearest you: Oct. 22 in Raton, Oct. 23 in Roswell, Oct. 24 in Las Cruces and Oct. 30 in Albuquerque.

- Send the commission your comments via email to the DGF at: [dgf-furbearer-rules@state.nm.us](mailto:dgf-furbearer-rules@state.nm.us) and/or mail to: NM DGF, Attn: Furbearer Rule Development, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504.

- Learn more by reading the Albuquerque Journal's Sept. 16 editorial.

- Share and sign Trap Free New Mexico's petition.

Please act now so we can solve the problems with trapping in New Mexico.

How can any human being be so cruel? — all animals struggle daily to simply survive. This editorial is so well written and everything so true. I just can't imagine any person other than being heinous & cruel — could support this horrible trap. It could be your dog, child or pet caught — why are trappers above such a cruel, barbaric tactic they want — I know no one who is for this (even hunters we know).  
Do the kind thing, smart thing, the thing 69%+ voters are against

Connie & John Gutierrez



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# SPEAKER'S CARD

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Tom Jennings

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Em: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: Perise & Sun Land  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: Owner

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

**WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)**

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zone



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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Shawn Carrell

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email: @

Officially Representing:  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

**WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)**

officers asssn supportive  
of trappers

lowest violation rate



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Name: Mark Tiemann  
 Address: [REDACTED]  
 City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]  
 Phone: [REDACTED]  
 Email: [REDACTED]@  
 Officially Representing: [REDACTED] (Organization(s))  
 Your Title: Trapper from Dona Ana County  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Disabled Vet  
not recreational or sport  
but responsibility of  
landowner  
1/2 mi set back - no sense  
we are the minority  
please listen to ranchers  
24 hr ck - extremely impaired



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AGENDA ITEM No. 10 PLEASE PRINT

Name: Bo Thorford  
 Address: [REDACTED]  
 City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]  
 Phone: [REDACTED]  
 Email: [REDACTED]  
 Officially Representing: trapper (Organization(s))  
 Your Title:  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Mayfield HS  
traps for ranchers around  
Las Cruces  
not for the \$\$, for the  
ranchers





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Name: JESSE DEUBEL

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email: @

Officially Representing: NMWF  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: Executive Director

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)



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AGENDA ITEM Trapping rule PLEASE PRINT

Name: THOMAS CHILTON

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Officially Representing:   
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Trust - burn me once

Cherry-picking studies/data

food availability

testing blood -

*Handwritten mark*



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PLEASE PRINT

Name: JAMES RIDAWSON

Address: [Redacted]

City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Officially Representing: [Redacted] (Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

### WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Oppose proposals

Set Backs - under the conditions were setting

very restrictive

appeasement -> dogs

3 yrs - 8 dogs  
dogs of leash  
illegal sets



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No props

PLEASE PRINT

Name: KEVIN BURBY

Address: [Redacted]

City: CC State: [Redacted] Zip: [Redacted]

Phone: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

Officially Representing: SW ENV CTR (Organization(s))

Your Title: Exec Dir

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

### WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

(hunter & angler)  
opposed to dropping  
paralyzing public issue

different from hunting  
• stress, suffering, injury, death

don't commodify wildlife

PT resource - All the public  
Broader public





# SPEAKER'S CARD

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AGENDA ITEM Trapping 10 PLEASE PRINT

Name: Kelsey BURRIS

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Officially Representing: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

45-50 yro trapping  
 set backs - too much  
 24 hr ck to start  
 ↓ 72 hr for private  
 trapping  
 leash law



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Mary Katherine Ray

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Officially Representing: Sierra Club  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: wildlife chair

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

leased dogs caught in  
 3/16" off set trap  
 "management" definition  
 # traps, where  
 private market  
 unintentional





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Name: Shelly Thedford

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: [REDACTED] (Organization(s))

Your Title: NMFA Distric 3 Director

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Sepest way to hold not kill an animal

Examples of problems in CA

public land use



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Name: Gene Peggell

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED] @ [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: [REDACTED] (Organization(s))

Your Title: [REDACTED]

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

International standards well explained

off leash

G & F needs to educate the public about legal trapping

Do trappers negatively impacting furbearer pops

#stream





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Name: Don Childs

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

**WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)**

Absent



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AGENDA ITEM 10 PLEASE PRINT

Name: Jessica Johnson

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Officially Representing: Animal Protection of NM  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

**WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)**

Another side

Method - many places have banned trapping - EU has banned trapping

Despite TWS & AFWA

Many ~~are~~ traps have banned trapping

Appreciate steps being taken but vast majority of public land open







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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Carolyn Fletcher

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: Self  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Trapping on public lands



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Name: DAVE KRAIG

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: [REDACTED]  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)



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Name: Jane Kaswina

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: Self  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)





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AGENDA ITEM 13 Trapping PLEASE PRINT

Name: Catherine Molland

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email: @

Officially Representing: (Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Local Business Owner 33 years  
also farmer/property  
owner 24 years. I live  
and farm on land adjacent  
a 4000 acre wilderness  
Preserve + interact with  
beaver, coyote, mountain lions  
I am opposed to Trapping.  
I also own a S.F. business  
and ALL my clients also  
oppose Trapping for  
Public Safety issues,  
Cruelty issues, and  
NO limits + NO GR.  
Tax collected!! End Trapping



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AGENDA ITEM 13 PLEASE PRINT

Name: CHARLES FOX

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email: @

Officially Representing: self (Organization(s))

Your Title: Mr.

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)



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AGENDA ITEM MacKero PLEASE PRINT

Name: Ed MacKero

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email: @

Officially Representing: self (Organization(s))

Your Title: Citizen

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Please ban trapping in  
NM!

We will continue to vote in public officials who thank you!  
will ban Trapping. Got Coyote Kelly Controls banned.





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AGENDA ITEM 13 PLEASE PRINT

Name: CHERYL HASTINGS

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Ph: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: SELF  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

TRAPPING DRAINON (13)  
WILDLIFE POPULATION.  
COMMERCIALIZATION OF  
WILDLIFE TO PROFIT TINY  
% OF STATE POPULATION  
NO BAG LIMITS !! (11)



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Name: Mr. Belton

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing:  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

[Empty lines for written comment]



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Name: Ramon Lopez

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: F.A.R. th  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: Field Coordinator

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

[Empty lines for written comment]









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Name: Emily Curtis  
 Address: [Redacted]  
 City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip: [Redacted]  
 Phone: [Redacted]  
 Email: [Redacted]  
 Officially Representing: \_\_\_\_\_ (Organization(s))  
 Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

<sup>change in</sup>  
 The proposed rules for trapping and hunting are inadequate to protect enough wildlife. Traps are too widespread & near humans and sets - and open for unintended catch.  
 Unfair to wildlife - bears need protection. Limits to fur-bearing catch are needed.



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Name: David Eisenbaum  
 Address: [Redacted]  
 City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip: [Redacted]  
 Phone: [Redacted]  
 Email: [Redacted]  
 Officially Representing: \_\_\_\_\_ (Organization(s))  
 Your Title: NA  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Trapping Issue  
 Agenda # 13



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Name: James Carcoran  
 Address: [Redacted]  
 City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip: [Redacted]  
 Phone: [Redacted]  
 Email: [Redacted]  
 Officially Representing: Plant Peace Daily (Organization(s))  
 Your Title: Director  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

I am against trapping & poisoning of NM wildlife on public lands.  
 Stop these activities and more people from around the country will come and visit and spend money!









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Name: Teresa Seamster  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Officially Representing: Sierra Club  
 (Organization(s))  
 Your Title: Chair  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

TWS rec. is not the substance of the letter we submitted - Our rec. are on p. 2 + Sierra Club opposes use of leg hold & bob, trapping traps



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Name: Chris Smith  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Officially Representing: Wild Earth Guardians  
 (Organization(s))  
 Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)



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Name: Peter Schoenberg  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Officially Representing: Wild Earth Guardians  
 (Organization(s))  
 Your Title: Board Member  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

Ben Trapping on Public Lands

Board Member

Wild Earth Guardians

lost cause

barbaric

Indiscriminatory





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Name: Craig machine

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email: @

Officially Representing: (Organization(s))

Your Title: CEO BLACK BEAR Bureau

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

trapping sales

STOP TRAPPING on

PUB. LAND



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AGENDA ITEM 13 PLEASE PRINT

Name: EVALYN BEMIS

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email: @

Officially Representing: myself (Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

I favor a ban on

trapping on all

public lands



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AGENDA ITEM 13 PLEASE PRINT

Name: Carlyn Montes De Oca

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Officially Representing: Self (Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

- Imagine being caught in a trap
- what kind of message are we sending our kids
- Traps are cruel + indiscriminate
- Polls show New Mexicans oppose
- Vote w/ the majority









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Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: [REDACTED]  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)



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Name: John Crenshaw

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: New Wildlife Federation  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: President

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)



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Name: STEVE HENRY

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: SELF  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: None - Hunter/Angler

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)



MM Game Commission: RM 317 STATE CAPITOL

Re Proposed Changes: Pamela Marshall, Pecos, NM.

I do not support your proposals as presented..

THEY demonstrate a lack of understanding OF WILDLIFE survival IN THE CONTEXT OF SPECIES DIVERSITY, THREATS TO EXTINCTION FROM CLIMATE CHANGE, LOSS OF HABITAT, BIOLOGY AND GENETICS AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS. THEY ARE WOEFULLY OUT OF STEP WITH THE TIMES, And they REVEAL YOUR LACK OF EDUCATION , YOUR LACK OF respect for wildlife AND YOUR OBSESSION WITH KILLING AS A METHOD OF POPULATION CONTROL.

Wildlife is facing Loss of food from vegetation die offs and other species declines in the food chain, loss OF water FROM TEMPERATURE CHANGES AND GLACIAL MELTING and habitat that is altered due to climate change temperature increases and human sprawl. To add unchecked hunting and vicious trapping to this menu of challenges our native wildlife face is reprehensible.

the Failure to ban traps, snares and leg and body holds and to impose no bagging limits is an inadequate disgrace. You are signing a death warrant for wildlife that is increasingly threatened by climate disruption,. And you are doing so for 20 dollars a pop, encouraging all the wrong people to come to NM for all the wrong reasons. Our state is woefully behind in efforts to protect wildlife from extinction and you are doing precious little to address this.

We are not a hunting and gathering society, we are a technological society in the midst of global warming crisis of survival.. and your basal cave man focus is absurd. The utter reprehensible cruelty of traps that kill and maim is the signature of lazy and unethical hunting . there is NO sport in the taking of wildlife by trapping. We have been reporting to you for years of the atrocities these traps inflict And the public safety hazards that have repeatedly occurred.

Your current proposals present AND AN EXTREME THREAT to our NATIVE WILDLIFE POPULATIONS. NM WILDLIFE SHOULD BE HELD IN TRUST FOR ALL NEW MEXICANS I request that you GET WITH THE global PROGRAM.

This means You should be educating citizens about wildlife protection, threats of extinction, affects of climate disruption and devise state wide educational programs to teach folks how to live with wildlife.

IF YOU CANNOT EDUCATE YOURSELVES ON These realities and scientific facts that wildlife biologists and climate scientists research indicates, THEN I suggest you Take your guns and your traps with you as you leave. Because we will work incessantly

to CHANGE THE composition of this commission and its backward focus from FROM KILLING TO WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND SPECIES DIVERSITY in the context of ecosystem relationships, and the current impacts of climate change on declining wildlife populations. Worldwide.

YOUR proposals DO NOTHING TO ADDRESS THESE CONCENRS. I REQUEST THAT YOU REWRITE THESE PROPOSALS keeping the modern day paramaters I have drawn to your attention IN MIND,.to present New Mexicans with proposals worthy of our precious native wildlife and citizen concerns regarding the acknowledgment of scientific facts. In short, PLEASE Do your homework or respectively resign from this commission to create space for folks who can broaden the issue of wildlife from the singular perspective of game and" taking" to one of species diversity and survival in the age of global warming.





## SPEAKER'S CARD

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

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AGENDA ITEM

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Helen McCloskey

Address:

Cit: Stat: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Officially Representing:

(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?



Yes



No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

My husband, while in the US Congress, helped write the KSA. He is backcountry backpacker, fly fisherman and photographer. The proposed changes to trapping are woefully insufficient. Trapping may be argued to be "traditional" but many traditions, especially bad ones, need to end. In an era of massive de-speciation and a time when many animals struggle with many human-caused challenges, allowing trapping is irresponsible.

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Why should one spend  
entirely personal profit  
on our public lands?  
Inflicting suffering for personal  
profit is unacceptably. The  
public does not support having  
the dead hazards of traps out  
on the land. Our own legs are  
caught in a steel leg hold trap.  
Crushing injuries are invariable.  
As a game enthusiast, I am not  
again responsible, seasonal,  
regulated hunting. But  
trapping is altogether another  
world. It is not species-  
specific, death not does not  
come mercifully quickly,  
and hunting is not for  
personal profit at the expense  
of the public and the  
overall ecosystem.

We urge you to vastly  
reduce and ultimately  
eliminate trapping on our  
shared public lands.  
In today's realities, this  
activity needs to end.

Thank you for your  
consideration.

Trapping is annoyance  
of humans with a sick  
~~obsession~~ obsession of killing.  
There's nothing humane  
~~about~~ about violently trapping any  
living being against their  
will. A living being who  
fights for their life to get  
trapping is one of many  
killing methods that  
shows a blatant disregard  
for life. This  
disregard for life is  
dangerous for  
children to see & learn  
to repeat.



## SPEAKER'S CARD

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HEARING ITEM # 13

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Name:	Cindy Norris		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
City:	[REDACTED]	State:	[REDACTED]
Phone:	[REDACTED]	Zip:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]		
Officially Representing:	[REDACTED] (Organization(s))		
Your Title:	[REDACTED]		
Do you wish to be heard?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

I have several dogs. When they hurt, I hurt. When I heard ~~the~~ dogs being caught in a trap, thru no fault of their own, just simply walking on public lands, the agony they must feel, the anxiety & helplessness they must feel is outrageous and so unnecessary. We human don't need the fur off the animals backs, or we would've been born with fur. Trapping is nothing



[REDACTED]  
Oct 25, 2019

Dear Commissioner:

I'm writing in regards to the New Mexico editorial of Oct 25 regarding trapping. Thank you for re-addressing this issue. When friends would go to hear Michelle Greiham I would always ask - "is she addressing redneck "trapping laws" - Land Commissioner hopeful .... are they addressing this issue?"

Last night on Thursday news, a limping dog missing a leg, and part of his head broke my heart. I hope it affected all at the meeting.

The trapping hunters have an unfair advantage. Luring an animal with food into a trap to arrest. Be like Native Americans - hunters traditional ways: then saying a prayer for animal's spirit - and the food they receive.


Seaton used to hunt wolf & he caught a wolf (I think the wolf he was tracking)



and seeing this wolf trapped, if I recall properly, did something to his heart, and he released it and never hunted a gun.  
Please now stringent - humane laws.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Dillon - Monroe  
Mary C. Dillon - Monroe



Oct. 18, 2019


Re: Furbearer rule development.

Traditions can be slow to change  
but the barbaric act of  
"trapping + snaring" is ridiculous

This cruelty needs to stop NOW

No more trapping or snaring

Maris Anderson  
[REDACTED]

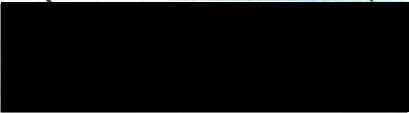


Re: Furbearer Rule Development

Please - discontinue allowing  
the trapping + snaring  
of animals.

This is not a "fair chase" hunting  
practice. Its practice has  
long become outdated for  
its ~~at~~ unnecessary cruelty

Karl Anderson





October 19, 19

Gentlemen!

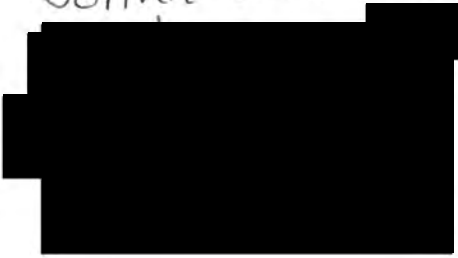
Trapping is NOT fair chase! It is cruel and dangerous!

Please DO NOT!!!!

Support trapping on state land!

Thank you!

JoAnn Bulman



Please! ALBUQUERQUE NM 870

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~~DO NOT~~

Support TRAPPING!

It is cruel and dangerous

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Albany, NM

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NMDGF:

attention

Furbearer Rule Dept

P.O. Box 25112

Santa Fe, NM

87504







Dear Sirs:

I oppose any trapping with lethal traps.

Sincerely,

Joanna White



 Charlotte Linson

10-26-19

I urge you to outlaw traps + snares on public land.

~~Charlotte Linson~~

Nov. 6, 2019

Dear Sirs:

I agree with the majority of New Mexicans that want to Ban Trapping! It does not belong in this century!

Trapping is Archaic, barbaric and inhumane. It puts anything and everything in danger and are "land mines". They transform our public lands into "killing fields"!

I also oppose the indoctrination of our children with "Junior Trapping". Not the Ideology the next generation should be practicing!

We are losing animals at a record rate. It is predicted that we will lose one million plants and animals in the next ten years to extinction.

We should "End Any and All Bad Traditions". Tell the Trappers to Take a Camera instead!

By  
Betty Pritchard



\*I refer to THE ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL EDITORIAL OCT. 26, 2019 "  
"TOXIC CRIME REVEALS TRAPPING free-for-all! NM NEEDS TO BAN IT!"

Department of Game & Fish - NM.

OCT. 28, 2019

Sadly New Mexico continues to allow humans to trap, maim, torture & kill our wild animal population - as well as dogs, perhaps cats - this does not speak well for NM and surely adds to our less than stellar reputation. Yes, NM can use positive articles, editorials etc. which will have many benefits for the state.

\*THE editorial which focuses on MR. CORDOVA and his cruel behavior could have been written about other individuals in the state who continue the barbaric practice of trapping. I, along with thousands of other residents, request that trapping be abolished in NM. PERIOD. ENOUGH suffering -  
JUDITH NELSON -

RESIDENT SINCE 1956.


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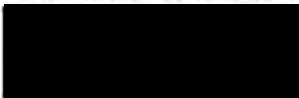
Re: Foot traps

I just don't understand why any human being in this day and age would trap an animal by the leg, leaving it to greatly suffer. It is obvious by the rules that no one wants their pet dog or themselves for that matter to step into a trap. Why would it even be considered okay to do so to other animals? How often is the trapper required to check the traps? This is just horrible.

I grew up on a farm and so I understand the killing of animals, even the cute ones, as a food source. My father trapped, many, many years ago for the pelts. Back when he was a boy, it was culturally acceptable. As he grew older, wiser, and more humane, he outgrew this not wanting to see a helpless animal suffer. It is a tradition that has to stop. Isn't there enough barbaric behavior in the world?

Please don't let trapping be allowed in New Mexico.

  
Anita K. Anderson





## NEW MEXICO FARM & LIVESTOCK BUREAU

2220 N. Telshor Blvd • Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011 • (575) 532-4700 • Fax (575) 532-4710

New Mexico Department of Game & Fish  
1 Wildlife Way  
Santa Fe, NM 87507

Date: 12/3/19

Re: Proposed Changes 19.32.2 NMAC Trapping and Furbearers – Method, Season Dates, and Bag Limits

The New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau (NMF&LB) would like to formally submit the following comments pertaining to the proposed changes to 19.31.2 NMAC Trapping and Furbearers – Method, Season Dates, and Bag Limits. The NMF&LB is New Mexico's largest agricultural organization, representing 19,000 member families who are actively involved in agricultural production including dairy, livestock, fruits and vegetables. Our mission is to promote and protect agriculture in the great State of New Mexico. The NMF&LB advocates on behalf of and represents our members' interests when it comes to impeding regulations.

The NMF&LB does not support the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish's proposed rule. NMF&LB has major concern with the proposed authority which allows the director, with verbal concurrence of the chairperson, to set bag limits on a given species for one year. The proposed rule does not include justification or requirements for a bag limit to be set. This is cause for worry, as bag limits could be implemented without significant scientific data. The Department needs to make their decisions based in scientific evidence, not social pressures.

Farmers and ranchers must be able to continue protecting their livestock. Many ranchers use trapping as a means of depredation. Predators often harass and create great stress in livestock, be they cattle, sheep or other. Often times, livestock are killed by predators quite gruesomely. Predators target weaker, or younger livestock. Bag limits could prove to be detrimental to farmers, ranchers and landowners throughout the state as they could be prohibited from dealing with certain predators should a bag limit be imposed.

The New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau appreciates the opportunity to share the concerns of our organization and our stakeholders. We respectfully request that the comments and concerns of New Mexico's farmers, ranchers and landowners be taken into consideration as you make your decisions on the proposed rule changes to the Trapping and Furbearer Rule.

Respectfully submitted,

NM Farm & Livestock Bureau





# MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

New Mexico State Game Commission

(Sign-in to be in the official record as having attended this meeting. Mark the box if you wish to be added to the meeting notifications mailing list.)

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Rule Making 2A Manner and Method and Trapping  
Furbearer Rule 19.32.2 NMAC - 3 19.31.10

EXHIBIT  
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Wesley BURRIS	[REDACTED]	@	( ) -	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Joanne Ferrary, Rep		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chance Thedford		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelly Thedford		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angel Montoya		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathrina Clarke		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Betty Pritchard		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Kevin Bixby		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kurt Anderson		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Name: Pharce Thedford

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: New Mex. Trappers  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: President

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

**WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)**

Proposed Setbacks

Closures

Bag Limits



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2-A

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Wesley BURKIS

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: SELF  
(Organization(s))

Your Title:

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

**WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)**







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AGENDA ITEM

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Name: Betty Britshaw

Address: [REDACTED]

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Officially Representing: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

**WRITTEN COMMENT** (Below or Attached)

I am sure to have  
something on public  
land



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AGENDA ITEM

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Name: Kathryn Clark

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Officially Representing: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Organization(s))

Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

**WRITTEN COMMENT** (Below or Attached)







**SPEAKER'S CARD**  
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AGENDA ITEM 2a, 2b PLEASE PRINT

Name: Fabrice (Dad)  
 Address: [Redacted]  
 City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip: [Redacted]  
 Phone: [Redacted]  
 Email: [Redacted]  
 Officially Representing: WFOA - Voters / WFOA  
(Organization(s))  
 Your Title: Board member / president  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

- END TRAPPING  
 - NPA is the No 1 on Violence  
 - Trapping is torture  
 - It is unenforceable  
 - Animal Cruelty  
 (2a) & 2b  
 and Violence are LINKED  
 - NPA is still in DARK AGES  
 - TRAPPING causes Violence to animals AND humans - 11

- Currently first extraction in progress, must stop.



**SPEAKER'S CARD**  
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AGENDA ITEM 2A PLEASE PRINT

Name: Shelly Theford  
 Address: [Redacted]  
 City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip: [Redacted]  
 Phone: [Redacted]  
 Email: N/A @  
 Officially Representing: WMTA  
(Organization(s))  
 Your Title: District 3 Director  
 Do you wish to be heard?  Yes  No

WRITTEN COMMENT (Below or Attached)

[Empty lines for written comment]

President of NMTA

Thank you for allowing public comment on the proposed trapping rule

The North American Model of Wildlife has been a great success in our country for many years. Why? Because it is science based. Hundreds upon hundreds of hours of research done by educated biologists has resulted in an abundance of wildlife. As you know, the NAMOW *Model* supports regulated trapping. Trapping is a large part of the success of non predatory wildlife as well as the animals we trap. Wildlife management should be science based. Politics has no place in wildlife management.

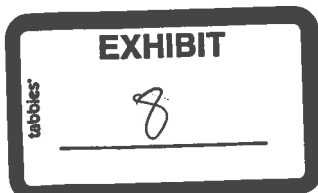
The proposed setback rule is concerning for a few reasons. 1- The new distance proposal would exclude some farms and many ranch pastures, ~~at the least there should be an exemption for~~ *Thank you for Exempting Private Property* private property. 2- The NMDG&F has been promoting hunting, fishing and trapping for the last few years because involvement has been lacking, reducing available land goes against this. 3- The very pets that this proposal aims to protect will in fact put them at increased risk. A dog is far more likely to be injured or killed by a coyote on a trail, than injured by a trap. Let's not forget that the reason for the leash law is to protect the public ~~and wildlife from loose dogs.~~ *livestock*

Allowing the Department the ability to set bag limits, again has no scientific basis. If you consider the size of New Mexico (77 million acres) versus the number of trappers and the number of furbearers taken each year, there is absolutely no reason for this. It will open Pandora's box for both the Game Department and outdoorsmen and women in our state. The anti hunting groups will see this as an opportunity to put pressure on the Game Department as well as the commission on a yearly basis. *Most*

The NMTA is on board with ~~some~~ *most* of the changes that the NM Game Commission is ~~proposing,~~ *implementing* such as the mandatory trappers education, breakaways on snares and the swivel requirements. Our organization has pushed for trappers ed for over twenty years and has assisted NMG&F in its development.

Chance Thedford  
President NMTA

- NMTA - Reach out to Department Biologist to help with many Studies Requested in Future



NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION  
Friday, January 17, 2020  
Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Ventanas Room  
4100 Dripping Springs Road  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

**APPEARANCES:**

Madame Chair Sharon Salazar Hickey  
Commissioner Jimmy Bates  
Vice-Chair Roberta Salazar-Henry  
Commissioner David Soules  
Commissioner Tirzio Lopez  
Commissioner Jeremy Vesbach  
Commissioner Gail Cramer

1 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Good  
2 morning everybody, welcome to Las Cruces. For those  
3 of you who went through the snow and ice to get here,  
4 I appreciate you taking the time to do this and I  
5 appreciate everybody who lives in Las Cruces for  
6 taking the time to come to this meeting. The first  
7 thing we're going to do this morning is go ahead and  
8 call the roll. Mr. Secretary?

9 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Commissioner Bates?

10 COMMISSIONER BATES: Here.

11 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Commissioner Cramer?

12 COMMISSIONER CRAMER: Here.

13 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Commissioner Lopez?

14 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: Here.

15 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Commissioner Salazar-

16 Hickey?

17 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR HICKEY: Here.

18 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Commissioner Soules?

19 COMMISSIONER SOULES: Here.

20 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Commissioner Vesbach?

21 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Here.

22 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Ms. Salazar-Henry?

23 MADAME VICE-CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Here.

24 DIRECTOR SLOAN: We have a quorum.

25 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Thank

1 you. We'll move on to agenda, item number three,  
2 approval of the agenda. Are there any comments, any  
3 additions to listen from the commission's body?

4 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Madame Vice Chair --

5 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Yes,  
6 Commissioner Vesbach?

7 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: I'd like to make a  
8 motion to move one agenda item. What I would like to  
9 do is move agenda item number 13, the workshop around  
10 the e-plus system.

11 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: No.

12 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Okay, I apologize.  
13 It's actually, it's agenda number twelve, to right  
14 after the lunch break. The reasoning for that is  
15 that we -- you know, there's a high interest in this  
16 issue and we want to -- I believe we've tried really  
17 hard to be accommodating to the public and their  
18 schedules and people who need to get back to work, so  
19 if it's after lunch, people can know when that is and  
20 know that they can go leave if they want to, after  
21 they comment. So, with that, I would like to make a  
22 motion to move agenda item number, the E-Plus Hearing  
23 to right after the lunch break.

24 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Do I have a  
25 second?

1 MS. SALAZAR-HICKEY: Motion to adopt the rules.

2 UNKNOWN: Second.

3 MS. SALAZAR-HICKEY: Very good. May I have aye  
4 in favor?

5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 MS. SALAZAR-HICKEY: Any nays? Motion passes.

7 Okay. Moving on -- oh, thank you. So moving  
8 on to the next agenda item is the public rule. So  
9 it is the hearing -- it's my responsibility to  
10 protect the worker, making sure that only one  
11 person speaks at a time. The record is all that  
12 matters on appeal, so if something is not on record  
13 then it does not exist to the judge. Make sure  
14 that gestures are entered into the record. For  
15 example, let the record reflect that, A, or  
16 somebody nodded, and that means a yes. I think a  
17 few minutes ago, I was using my head quite a bit so  
18 I'm going to try and get rid of that, and just use  
19 a lot of words.

20 And make sure that each person addressing the  
21 Board identifies him or herself for the record each  
22 time you address the Board. And getting back to  
23 the spirit of this hearing, respect, listen. Let's  
24 not be argumentative. Let's hear what everybody  
25 has to say. Do not permit the hearing to become

1 argumentative. Okay?

2 The Board will have an opportunity to discuss  
3 the entire record, including exhibits and testimony  
4 during its meeting after the rule hearing is closed  
5 at which time there will be no right for members of  
6 the public to cross-examine or question members of  
7 the Board. Statements of support, rationale, and  
8 even response to negative feedback can be provided  
9 by the Board while considering adoption of the  
10 proposed rules during its subsequent Board meeting.

11 Okay. So with that said, this hearing will  
12 please come to order.

13 Yes. My name is Sharon Salazar Hickey. I  
14 will be serving as the hearing officer for this  
15 portion of the meeting. And be advised by the  
16 Commission's counsel from the Office of the  
17 Attorney General. The purpose of this hearing is  
18 for consideration of final adoption of the  
19 following proposed rule by the Commission.

20 The hearing item is, one, for the Commission  
21 to receive public comment on the proposed new Fair  
22 Chase Rule, Title 19, Chapter 30, Part 18 of the  
23 New Mexico Administrative Code. The Fair Chase  
24 Rule will become effective on February 11th, 2020.

25 These hearings are being conducted in

1           accordance with the provisions of the Game & Fish  
2           Act and the State Rules Act. These hearings are  
3           being audiotaped, thank you, and video recorded.  
4           Anyone interested in a copy of the audiotape or  
5           video recording should contact Tristanna Bickford  
6           with the Game & Fish Department.

7           Public notice of this hearing was advertised  
8           in the New Mexico Registrar, the New Mexico  
9           Sunshine Portal, and on the Department's website.  
10          Copies of the proposed new rules have been  
11          available on the Department's website. Those  
12          wishing to comment here today, please sign the  
13          attendance sheet at the back of the room, which  
14          will later be entered into the record as an  
15          exhibit.

16          These -- now an explanation of our hearing  
17          procedures. These rule hearings will be conducted  
18          in the following manner: staff will present  
19          prefiled exhibits. Exhibits admitted into evidence  
20          are available for review by the public but exhibits  
21          may not be removed from this room. After all  
22          exhibits are entered, we will proceed to the  
23          presentation of the proposed rule after which  
24          testimony will be taken from the audience.

25                 In order to make sure that the hearing is



1 accurately recorded, only one person at a time  
2 shall be allowed to speak. Any person recognized  
3 to speak is asked to, one, identify yourself by  
4 name and who you are affiliated with for the record  
5 each time you are recognized. And two, speak  
6 loudly and clearly to accurately record your  
7 comments. After a person has offered comment, they  
8 will stand for questions from me, and the audience  
9 may also ask questions of anyone offering comments  
10 after being recognized by me. These hearings are  
11 not subject to judicial rules of evidence. We're  
12 not in court. However, in the interest of  
13 efficiency, I reserve the right to limit any  
14 testimony deemed irrelevant, redundant, or unduly  
15 repetitious.

16 The Commission may discuss the proposed new  
17 rules after the public comment portion of the  
18 hearing. Final Commission action, including  
19 adoption of the rules, may occur after the  
20 conclusion of the presentation and public comment  
21 period.

22 Okay. Any questions? So far so good? Okay.

23 Now moving on to item number 1A, rule making  
24 hearing on Fair Chase Rule, 19.30.18 NMAC. The  
25 hearing is now open.

1           Are there any exhibits for a proposed meeting  
2 rule 219.30.18 for the record?

3           DIRECTOR SLOAN: Chair, I'd like to enter six  
4 exhibits into the record. Exhibit 1, the notice of  
5 rule making; Exhibit 2, the initial proposed rule  
6 that was posted on the website; Exhibit 3, the  
7 presentation that will be given today to you all;  
8 Exhibit 4, the summary of the proposed rule;  
9 Exhibit 5, the technical information we relied upon  
10 to develop the rule; and Exhibit 6, the two public  
11 comments that we received during the public comment  
12 period.

13           MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Thank you.

14           CHIEF LILEY: So, Madame Chair, Members of the  
15 Commission, for some of you this is the first time  
16 you've seen this. For others of you, this is the  
17 third time that we've presented this in front of  
18 the Commission for final adoption. Some of the  
19 background on this is in the last legislative  
20 session, Senate Bill 383 authorized the Commission  
21 to create rules that embody the principles of Fair  
22 Chase. It's for the body -- the principles of Fair  
23 Chase where it doesn't give an undue advantage to  
24 sportsman and the taking of wildlife.

25           Really, what the specifics of that legislation

1 did was also prohibit the distribution of wildlife  
2 location data, that we as the Department collect,  
3 our contractor's collect on behalf of wildlife  
4 management. Why we need that specific provision in  
5 the statute was under the inspection of public  
6 records acts, those are free information currently,  
7 but we needed a statutory provision that would  
8 allow us to prohibit the distribution of that data.

9 We went through, and a background of why we  
10 want to prohibit it, some of the technology that's  
11 been developed over the last five to ten years that  
12 we use to get more accurate information on how  
13 animals use the landscape allows us to collect  
14 location data from a GPS collar placed on these  
15 animals at sometimes frequencies of every 15  
16 minutes and uploading to the satellites every hour  
17 and then downloading to our computer. So we have  
18 realtime knowledge of about how animals move across  
19 the landscape, how they use it, what habitats they  
20 select for, why they're avoiding certain areas, why  
21 they're selecting other areas to better manage  
22 those populations.

23 However, as you can see, if we were to release  
24 that information to the public for a hunting  
25 purpose, someone would have an unfair or undue

1 advantage over those animals in terms of a hunting  
2 perspective. They'd know exactly how those animals  
3 work on the landscape, where they are, et cetera,  
4 and so it would increase take against their animal  
5 from the harvest.

6 But not only on the legal takes, we also worry  
7 about illegal take. We have species that are  
8 caused by either a state threatened or endangered  
9 or federally endangered or threatened that are  
10 wearing these transmitters as well. Some of them  
11 have collection value such as the State Gila  
12 Monster, et cetera, or Tarmigan, or those kind of  
13 things where we want to prohibit the use of that  
14 data for illegal collection of those animals as  
15 well.

16 So as we went through the rule process, we  
17 went back, because with you all and the public,  
18 again, we discussed we only received two public  
19 comments during the rule making process. That was  
20 at one of the first meetings that we had. That was  
21 at the Santa Fe meeting. We didn't actually  
22 receive any through the website. But one of the  
23 biggest things that we came up was we would  
24 prohibit the release of the data while there's an  
25 active transmitter on it.

1           If the animal is alive or if there's an  
2 ongoing study around those animals we'd prohibit  
3 the release of that data. We would then also  
4 prohibit if it reasonably can predict where the  
5 animal's current or future location would be. And  
6 like I said, it would be contrary to the principles  
7 of Fair Chase.

8           The other thing that you'll see in the  
9 proposed rule is it limits data collected from our  
10 aerial or ground survey. So we do a lot of  
11 population surveys either with helicopters or  
12 planes or ground surveys where we're taking a GPS  
13 location of where we sighted those animals. For  
14 example, we've had requests that come in when we  
15 land a helicopter after an elk survey to get all  
16 the GPS locations as soon as we land on a specific  
17 GMU for hunting purposes. So this would prohibit  
18 the release of that data now, or anything that  
19 could compromise the viability of a population.  
20 For example, if we have known den locations for  
21 bears or some of them, they den back at the same  
22 location every year, we would prohibit the release  
23 of some of that location, something that would  
24 encourage a legal take.

25           And then it varies by species depending

1 on -- excuse me, depending on their distribution  
2 across the land today. We would also prohibit the  
3 release of data that we receive from either  
4 contract researchers or universities that we work  
5 in cooperation in so that data would stay  
6 protected. We would -- we would propose keeping  
7 that data while the transmitters and frequencies  
8 are active.

9 But one of the things that we are proposing  
10 doing, you'll see in the rule, is we could buffer  
11 that data to where we don't think it would be a  
12 risk. So if we went back to that first example of  
13 those individual points on that map, we could  
14 buffer, depending on the species, we might put a  
15 five-mile buffer radius around it and say this is  
16 the general distribution of where these animals  
17 live but this is not the exact location where they  
18 go to water or where they go to some other aspect  
19 and still be able to release that data while the  
20 animal is still wearing the transmitter as long as  
21 we don't think it will compromise the individual  
22 animal or the population.

23 And then we would enter into agreements to be  
24 able to share the data with university researchers  
25 or other wildlife management or land management

1 agencies to help conserve population or do habitat  
2 work that would be a benefit by using that data.  
3 But it would then -- those agreements would  
4 prohibit them from releasing that data through  
5 other means to the public.

6 So again, I mentioned there was two public  
7 comments that were made at one of the previous  
8 Commission meetings. One supported the new rule  
9 and the other one actually didn't really pertain  
10 much to Fair Chase during the time.

11 With that, I take any questions specific to  
12 the proposed rule.

13 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Would anyone  
14 like to comment on this?

15 COMMISSIONER SOULES: Madame Chair?

16 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Commissioner  
17 Soules?

18 COMMISSIONER SOULES: Chief Liley, I realize  
19 this is not exactly pertaining to this rule, so  
20 I -- I apologize, but I think it may be relevant.  
21 If in the -- your -- this rule pertains only to  
22 data collected by the Department for its  
23 contractors. If individuals set up things like  
24 gain (inaudible) that can alert them to the  
25 location of mole or some other manner had a way to

1 track animals themselves and use that in realtime,  
2 are there any existing regulations that speak to  
3 that and whether that's allowable or not?

4 CHIEF LILEY: Madame Chair, Commissioner  
5 Soules, so we have an overarching rule or  
6 Commission rule that's called the manner and method  
7 of take, more or less. Manner and method of take a  
8 species. So your example of realtime game cameras  
9 or satellite cameras is actually prohibited by  
10 Commission rule already, so you can't use those  
11 satellite cameras or cell phone cameras to aid in  
12 the taking of wildlife. So that's already set by  
13 rule in the manner and method.

14 Some of the other principles of Fair Chase  
15 would be set by manner and method rules. Why this  
16 is so specific is because of the -- as it relates  
17 to release of public information. And that's why  
18 this rule is different from the manner and method  
19 where you prescribe how animals would be taken  
20 across the landscape.

21 And to another point to your question, if  
22 someone has a game camera that's not a satellite,  
23 they're just using it, or even someone that does  
24 have a satellite that's not using it for the take  
25 of animals but they're doing it for their own



1 information in their backyard or something like  
2 that, nothing precludes them from releasing that  
3 data to anybody else. This is just data that's  
4 collected by us or our contractors.

5 COMMISSIONER CRAMER: Madame Chair, Chief  
6 Liley, is -- are the radio frequencies unique where  
7 a person can't scan and get those?

8 CHIEF LILEY: Madame Chair, Commissioner  
9 Cramer, yes, they are all unique frequencies that  
10 we would not release and someone cannot just scan  
11 and pick them up.

12 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Any other  
13 questions? A question from the public.

14 If you would like to come to the microphone,  
15 state your name.

16 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Madame Chair, we'll have to  
17 have him fill out a comment card. I just want to  
18 make sure he's aware of that.

19 But you can come up.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I just had a question  
21 about how you (inaudible). That's all.

22 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: What is your  
23 question? Again, in the spirit of -- I know we  
24 have our rules --

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There's so much cyber

1 security problems, how do we think the Gaming  
2 Commission has the capability of doing it?

3 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Thank you.

4 CHIEF LILEY: Madame Chair, yeah, so we have  
5 firewall -- we protect a lot of information on our  
6 computers, our firewall through the State,  
7 et cetera. We try to -- it's no different than  
8 some of the personal information people enter to  
9 purchase licenses. We protect them on our  
10 computers. It's not going out to personal  
11 computers that we're putting the State on and lids  
12 on our servers in the department. And so we hope  
13 we have a really well firewall. I know there's  
14 been times where people have gotten behind some,  
15 but not ours. But we would hope that someone  
16 doesn't hack into our systems to specifically steal  
17 our wildlife rotations.

18 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Madame Chair, we do have a  
19 robust cyber security effort at the agency, largely  
20 due to our (inaudible) nature of our business.

21 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Very good.  
22 Thank you. Okay, good.

23 Are there any other exhibits anyone wants to  
24 enter into the record at this time? Okay. If  
25 there are no further questions, I will admit the

1 attendance sheet as Exhibit --

2 DIRECTOR SLOAN: 7.

3 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: -- 7, and  
4 the comments submitted in testimony heard during  
5 this rule hearing will be reviewed by the  
6 Commission and discussed during the open session of  
7 today's meeting. The Commission will vote on  
8 proposed rule at this one.

9 Yes. I would like to thank everyone present  
10 for their participation today. Let the record show  
11 that this rule making hearing was adjourned today  
12 at -- what time is it?

13 DIRECTOR SLOAN: 10 AM.

14 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: 10 AM. Very  
15 good.

16 So moving on to rule number -- oh, excuse me.  
17 Excuse me. Thank you, Vice Chair. No, no, no, no,  
18 we've had plenty of discussion, so now do I have a  
19 motion on the rule 1b, the Fair Chase Rule?

20 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR HICKEY: Madame Chair?

21 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Yes?

22 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR HICKEY: I move to adopt  
23 19.30.18 NMAC as presented by the Department and  
24 allow the Department to make minor corrections to  
25 comply with filing this rule with state records and

1 archives.

2 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Do I have a  
3 second?

4 COMMISSIONER BATES: Second.

5 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: Thank you,  
6 Commissioner Bates?

7 Thank you, Commissioner Henry.

8 All in favor say aye.

9 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 MADAME VICE CHAIR SALAZAR-HENRY: All opposed  
11 say nay. That rule passes.

12 Are we ready to move on to rule number 2, 2A?  
13 Yes, okay. This is the rule hearing trapping and  
14 furbearing rule, 19.32.2 NMAC, and hunting and  
15 fishing manner and method of taking rule, 19.31.10  
16 NMAC. This hearing is now open. Are there any  
17 exhibits for the proposed new rule, 19.32.2 or for  
18 the amendments to 19.31.10 for the record?

19 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Madame Chair, I wish to enter  
20 six exhibits into the record. Exhibit Number 1,  
21 the notice of the rule making that was posted on  
22 our website as well as the Sunshine Portal; Exhibit  
23 2, the initial proposed rules that were posted on  
24 our website; Exhibit 3, the presentation that I'll  
25 be giving today; Exhibit 4, the summary of the

1 proposed changes; Exhibit 5, the technical  
2 information we relied upon when developing the  
3 rule; and Exhibit 6, the 5,002 public comments we  
4 received during the rule making process.

5 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you very  
6 much, Stewart. Can you continue to proceed?

7 CHIEF LILEY: Madame Chair, Members of the  
8 Commission, for those of you that are new, this is  
9 going to be the first time that you see it. For  
10 those of you that have been around, you've seen  
11 this -- it will be the fourth or fifth time I  
12 believe you've seen this now. So this -- this  
13 process started back in August of this year when we  
14 presented initially to the Commission at the Santa  
15 Fe meeting. We also presented it to the Commission  
16 at the October and November meeting.

17 We put on our website back in August our  
18 initial proposals on the website and built upon  
19 since then. We did hold public meetings throughout  
20 the state in October. And then in December we  
21 posted the final rules on our website for public  
22 comment. We were taking comments before those  
23 public -- or before those rules were posted, but  
24 again, we did post the rules as required under the  
25 rule making act by the December time frame and as

1 we are here today to act on the final rules.

2 As I stated when I entered into the exhibit,  
3 we received 5,002 comments for this rule. I do  
4 want to state there was -- that was 2,002, or 2,024  
5 unique senders, so there was multiple comments  
6 sometimes from the same individual but I wanted to  
7 point out there was 2,024 unique senders. There  
8 was a significant amount of comments that came in  
9 the form of a form letter where they just changed  
10 the name on it and maybe a little bit of change at  
11 the back. And most of those comments didn't really  
12 deal with the -- the specific proposed changes that  
13 we were proposing but it was more on the specifics  
14 of eliminate trapping or support trapping or one of  
15 those kind of aspects. There was -- that was the  
16 majority of the comments we received was one or the  
17 other on either an all-out banning on trapping or  
18 not.

19 We did then get specific comments. When we  
20 got specific comments they really pertained to  
21 three different topics. That was our set back  
22 distances that we were proposing, and the set backs  
23 from trails but also the set back distance from  
24 trail heads. Both in -- we had the comments that  
25 favored some, very few of the favoring, but we had

1 comments that said you're going too far one way,  
2 the extreme, and you're not going far enough. So  
3 that was the majority by the comments we saw was  
4 pro and con under the same exact issue.

5 So there was -- the only one where we had  
6 almost total support for it from all of our  
7 commenters was a mandatory trapper education. That  
8 was supported across on both sides of that.

9 There was -- on our additional closures that  
10 we'll get to in a minute, there was people opposed  
11 to us closing any more areas and people that would  
12 wish that we present more closures to the areas.  
13 So again, like I said, there was comments on both  
14 sides of the aisle on the trap -- on the topic, and  
15 a lot of that was, like I said, more of a form  
16 letter on just in opposition to a support of rather  
17 than specific to the proposed changes.

18 For the interest of the Commission, and since  
19 we're in a new area of the state, I'm going to go  
20 through the kind of presentation you all have seen  
21 before. But kind of going back through the history  
22 of trapping a little bit, how trapping fits in the  
23 North American model and some of the other stuff  
24 that we've gone through, but really trapping is the  
25 most effective and efficient method for managing

1       furbearers. And when I say managing furbearers,  
2       some of that is for sustainable harvest of  
3       furbearers, some of that is managing wildlife  
4       conflict. And when I say conflict, livestock  
5       conflict on some of the damage that we do deal  
6       with. It is the most effective way. Trapping is  
7       the most effective way to manage those furbearer  
8       populations.

9               We, ourselves, use trapping as a tool to radio  
10       mark our bobcats, for example, or other species  
11       that we do use. It's highly regulated. As you'll  
12       see, it's fairly complex in terms of our manner and  
13       method. If you look at the manner and method  
14       sections for some of our rifle hunts it prescribes  
15       maybe a caliber, but this really goes into detail  
16       on how a person has to set a trap, what kind of  
17       trap they can set, how far back it has to be set.  
18       So it's more regulated than some of our rules and  
19       more -- we are only proposing more additional  
20       proposed regulations as you'll see through time.

21               And it's guided by international standards.  
22       And when I say guided international standards, I'll  
23       get to it in a few slides. It discusses a minute  
24       that was signed with the European Union with the  
25       United States that kind of described on how we'll



1 try to deal with humane standards when it deals  
2 with trapping and best management practices.

3 One of the things that you sometimes will hear  
4 as trapping is brought up is how does trapping fit  
5 into the North American model of wildlife or it  
6 doesn't fit into the North American model of  
7 wildlife management. I think the guiding  
8 principles of the North American model, again, came  
9 off of this principle of wildlife is held in the  
10 public trust in North American, or specifically in  
11 Canada and the United States. It is a public trust  
12 species.

13 We, as the Department, are managers of that  
14 public trust resource. You, as the Commission, set  
15 the policies and the rules that surround how you  
16 manage that public trust resource. One of the  
17 other tenants of that model talk about  
18 unreg -- elimination of unregulated markets and  
19 over exploitation of the species. This is where  
20 some people sometimes refer to this as the  
21 commercial taking of a species.

22 When they're referring to that as the tenant  
23 it's not necessarily that that person can sell it.  
24 It's more of if you go back to the days of the  
25 bison and when it was sold on the rail on the

1 markets for market hunting that was not regulated,  
2 an unregulated take that was in the commercial  
3 process. That's more of where that tenant came  
4 from rather than a commercial take.

5 For example, we have commercial take of salmon  
6 from the fisheries across our Western Coast, all  
7 across. If you harvested, legally harvest, an elk,  
8 you can sell the hide, the antlers, those kind of  
9 things. So it really points to the unregulated  
10 commercial take of the species and the sell of  
11 that.

12 Strict enforcement of the regulations and the  
13 laws is one of the other tenants of the North  
14 American model. As you all are aware, we have a  
15 lot of law enforcement officers or game wardens  
16 across the state that enforce these regulations.  
17 You all just revoked the individuals that violated  
18 those regulations. That took away their hunting  
19 and privileges. So there is that tenant that's  
20 very well followed.

21 The democracy of law of what we're doing today  
22 is just that. You all are the body that will  
23 decide the laws that govern how we manage  
24 furbearers and how trapping is done. So that's  
25 another big tenant of the North American model and

1 the scientific management goes into our  
2 recommendations. We, as the Department, try to  
3 make the most robust scientific decision that  
4 we -- or recommendation to you all that we can make  
5 when proposing rules to ensure a sustainable  
6 population moving forward.

7 So one of the things that's really important  
8 is we only harvest those populations where  
9 abundant. If you look at the statutes that are of  
10 the protected furbearer species in 17-5, or in our  
11 statutes, we only -- we do not allow harvest, legal  
12 harvest, of over 30 percent of the species that are  
13 protected. For example, we do not allow harvest  
14 right now of coatimundis or otters or those kind of  
15 species where we do not think the population is  
16 large enough to sustain a take. So we regulate  
17 those animals through rule, which ones are actually  
18 available to take by the legal means.

19 We also regulate the seasons in which these  
20 animals may be harvested. For example, it's the  
21 trapping season starts in November and ends  
22 majority of the time on March 31st for some of  
23 these species. Some are shorter seasons to mirror  
24 on a sustainable take on how we regulate the  
25 harvest to ensure that we have populations moving

1 in the future.

2 We also require recording requirements. We  
3 have mandatory trapping recording for all of our  
4 trappers to ensure that we can know what the take  
5 on the landscape is to see how that aligns with  
6 what we feel is sustainable and what we detect is  
7 sustainable. We regulate, and you all will see  
8 some of the proposed changes to that, the types and  
9 size and the designs of traps that we allow on the  
10 landscape for taking.

11 And then we also regulate how often the trap  
12 has to be checked. For example, we are proposing  
13 and continuing to propose currently under the rule  
14 a date check. Every date you have to check your  
15 traps visually. So that requires that there's not  
16 these long lines that were previously up on some of  
17 the previous -- days of old of trapping where you  
18 had people set up 200 traps, move 200 miles away  
19 and set 200 traps and come back on a circuit to  
20 take furbearers out of traps. We do not permit  
21 that. So it requires a person to be physically  
22 there with the traps. It prevents long lining of  
23 traps set across multiple areas in this state. So  
24 it limits the take just by having that daily check  
25 as it is.

1 I mentioned earlier the international  
2 standards that are guiding. What it is, is that in  
3 1997 the United States signed an agreed minute and  
4 the agreed minute concerned humane trapping of  
5 furbearers and the ability of the U.S. to sell fur  
6 in the European Union, was that we would look at  
7 humane practices or look at methods, what has been  
8 determined as the best management practices for  
9 humane traps. Every trap is evaluated based on  
10 animal welfare, the efficiency in catching the  
11 selectivity. So are you trapping the species that  
12 you're going out for, the practicality of setting  
13 that trap, and the safety both to the animal and to  
14 the human.

15 So since 1997, approximately 40 million  
16 dollars has been sent on trap development to try to  
17 get at more humane trapping standards or fall into  
18 those five criteria that they select. An important  
19 thing to note is trapping is the only activity  
20 where there is a humaneness standard set to it of  
21 all our takes. So if it's with firearm or bow,  
22 there's not been a humane standard that we try to  
23 look at or best management practices where it's  
24 been developed. This is specific to trapping.

25 So a little bit -- that's a little bit of the

1 background behind where we are or how we got to  
2 where we are today and then some of the proposed  
3 changes that we're proposing to you all for  
4 consideration today. One of the things is the  
5 current rule is a four-year rule. We're proposing  
6 to make -- or excuse me, the current rule is a  
7 permanent rule and we're proposing to make this a  
8 four-year rule through you every four years. The  
9 trapping rule in its entirety has not been reviewed  
10 in almost 10 years as a fold. We're proposing  
11 making this a four-year rule.

12 One of the other proposals we're doing, like  
13 we did with all the rest of our big game rules is  
14 putting manner and method in the manner and method  
15 rule where it belongs. So it will remove the  
16 manner and methods sections out of this rule like  
17 we've done in elk or we've done in deer and put it  
18 in manner and method. And trapping will  
19 really -- the trapping and furbearer rule will  
20 really revolve around season dates, bag limits, and  
21 areas that are open or closed and will be renewed  
22 every four years to ensure that the bag limits or  
23 the seasons or the areas are still relevant.

24 One of the other proposals that we are putting  
25 in front of you is requiring a mandatory trapper

1 education. So we require every trapper that  
2 purchases a furbearer license be required to pass a  
3 trapper education course. We would do that in a  
4 manner of three different ways. If you -- if an  
5 individual does not have a trapper ed from anywhere  
6 in the nation that we recognize in another state,  
7 we would require them to take what we consider a  
8 full course, a course that talks about all trapping  
9 regulation -- the furbearer trapping and trapping  
10 education but a New Mexico specific education  
11 course, too, that talks specifically to our rules  
12 and regulations and our species identification  
13 because it varies from state to state across the  
14 country.

15 Individuals that are coming into our state  
16 from outside that would have a trapper education  
17 from a different entity that we recognize, we would  
18 allow that but they would still have to take the  
19 New Mexico regulation specific portion of the  
20 course and the New Mexico species specific  
21 regulation of the course.

22 Those individuals that don't wish to trap but  
23 still, because it's a trapping or furbearer license  
24 that doesn't require trapping and -- but those that  
25 would like to call furbearers and shoot, we would

1 still require them to take, not the trapper  
2 portion, but the New Mexico rules and species  
3 identifications as well. So that, as you'll see in  
4 the proposed rules, we have those different tiers  
5 for different individuals on how they're planning  
6 on taking furbearer species.

7 One of the big things that we are proposing,  
8 the specific area closures to trapping to try to  
9 minimize or reduce the potential conflict between  
10 recreationists and trappers. Those specific areas,  
11 we do know of a fairly high traffic use. That's  
12 the Sandia -- Sandia ranger district of the  
13 forest -- forest service portion, the Sandia ranger  
14 district right outside of Albuquerque just to  
15 the -- to the east of Albuquerque there. We've  
16 proposed closing that to (inaudible) within those  
17 lands.

18 Another one is just basically right outside  
19 our window here is that Eastern portion of the  
20 Oregon Mountains, Desert Peaks National Monument, a  
21 lot of recreation throughout that we're proposing  
22 closing that to land sets. And then two different  
23 closures along a highway within a half a mile. On  
24 both sides of that highway would be closed, and  
25 those are those Highway 475 and Highway 150. Those



1 are the highways leading up to the Santa Fe Ski  
2 Basin and the Taos Ski Basin. Those are the  
3 two -- two highway forest service roads that we  
4 propose closing.

5 I think one of the biggest proposed changes  
6 that we are making in terms of setbacks is we are  
7 proposing making a half a mile radius closure  
8 around any designated trailhead, public designated  
9 trailhead. In effect, this closes the area where  
10 you have a high access point for recreationists  
11 into a forest or into BLM, et cetera. So within a  
12 half mile radius no traps can be set within  
13 that -- that closure.

14 In effect, it's closing a lot of that area  
15 down because, again, a day check is going to  
16 require a trapper to get at least a half mile back  
17 in before they could even set their equipment, and  
18 it really effectively closes those areas down. So  
19 we think that is our biggest of our setbacks that  
20 we thought could kind of try to minimize some of  
21 that potential conflict between recreationists and  
22 trappers.

23 Some of these other ones were previously set  
24 backs that we had in the old rule, but we've  
25 increased the distance on setbacks for road rest

1 areas and picnic areas and occupied dwellings. One  
2 of the things that we discussed at the last  
3 Commission meeting was if the occupant of that  
4 dwelling is fine with someone trapping within a  
5 half mile, they can allow that. If you recall, we  
6 wanted to make sure there was clarity in there if  
7 that private landowner has an occupied dwelling,  
8 doesn't mind someone setting in there, they can  
9 permit it, the dwelling, the occupant. And the  
10 rest of those half mile closures were previously  
11 there.

12 Some of these proposed changes are clarities  
13 in the rule that weren't as clear as before but  
14 some of them are actual changes. This is a clarity  
15 issue right now. In the rule it says that every  
16 trap must be permanently marked. We're still  
17 requiring a permanently marked with the information  
18 that could allow us to identify the trapper but  
19 we're also allowing a secured tag that might go in  
20 the chain or on the trap that give that identifier  
21 of that individual. We've allowed that, but it's  
22 just a clarity in the rule that doesn't have to be  
23 stamped to the metal of the trap, for example.

24 One of the actual -- this was a proposed  
25 change from the -- we would require that any water

1 set or those sets that are set in water  
2 specifically for body traps that are in the spread  
3 from eight to 12 inches, we do not allow larger  
4 than 12 inches and we don't allow anything larger  
5 than seven to be set on land. Only eight to 12  
6 could be set on water, and if it's set on water it  
7 has to be submerged at least past the pivot point  
8 in the jaw. That's a new -- new proposed change,  
9 and then also on footholds with an inside spread,  
10 no greater than seven and a half inches set in  
11 water have to be fully submerged. Those are  
12 specifically kill traps and those are not meant to  
13 hold a furbearer for release. They are  
14 specifically to be a kill trap. We are proposing  
15 limiting to that every other day check on those  
16 instead of the daily check as well.

17 We would make it, and this is a change, a  
18 legal asset any lands that within 30 feet of bait,  
19 which is less than two ounces. We changed the bait  
20 previously. Some of the rules on bait was not very  
21 clear. It says you can't have visible bait to  
22 airborne raptors, so you're not trying -- it  
23 doesn't catch a hawk or an eagle. And what this  
24 is, previously it said you couldn't have visible  
25 bait at a certain height where you can see it.

1 We're just saying you can't have bait more than two  
2 ounces, period. So if it's in a hole it's not  
3 going to attract airborne raptors, and you have to  
4 be at least 30 feet or more away from a carcass if  
5 you're going to be trapping, et cetera.

6 This is clarifications in the rule. It  
7 clarifies that anyone trapping cannot have a trap  
8 on a land set with a jaw spread that's greater than  
9 or equal to six and a half inches. We do encourage  
10 trappers to have lamination on that. What is  
11 lamination is, it's welding on another piece of  
12 metal on to the outside of the trap to increase the  
13 surface area so it increases the area at which the  
14 trap closes on the -- on the leg. That increases  
15 or decreases the pinch point, allows better  
16 circulation of blood. But that lamination, we're  
17 saying, can't extend the trap to be larger than  
18 seven inches when the lamination is on. Again,  
19 it's a clarification point. We still want people  
20 to have laminate traps when they're -- but a  
21 clarification.

22 Any trap that is, though, greater than five  
23 and a half inches must be offset. And so an offset  
24 jaw requires a catch that is a deeper catch when  
25 the animal steps on it, and it's been found to be

1 these two issues that I just discussed are best  
2 management practices of furbearers, reduce injuries  
3 to furbearers, increase the likelihood of wind and  
4 furbearers re -- release those less injury  
5 potential as they've put it.

6 Some of the new proposed changes that we have  
7 is requiring a breakaway device on all (inaudible)  
8 that's on land. Previous -- or currently we do not  
9 require a breakaway. This breakaway would be  
10 required for any allow it to fail or break at 350  
11 pounds of pressure or greater. So if someone were  
12 to catch an elk or something like that it would  
13 break away if the animal stepped into it.

14 Another change that we're proposing  
15 requirement is requiring a two -- every trap must  
16 have greater than or equal to two separate swivel  
17 points on the trap and that one of those swivel  
18 points must be within six inches. What that does  
19 is permit binding and less injury. Again, a lot of  
20 these changes that I'm describing here are best  
21 management practices as found through those  
22 research that I was describing earlier that we can  
23 implement through a rule process specifically  
24 across the whole trapping. So we're putting those  
25 standards into our regulations.

1           It would require -- one of the other things we  
2 would be requiring an anchor or drag system that  
3 prevents an animal from escaping with a trap.  
4 That's one of the worst things that we can have is  
5 when the animal walks off with a trap you're going  
6 to have a lot more potential for injury in the  
7 future. Currently it's not a provision and rule.  
8 This also, in the provision and rule, would require  
9 that everyone setting a trap across the state, that  
10 those traps must be able to hold a wolf size animal  
11 or larger. These are due care provisions as it  
12 relates to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services due  
13 care under the population for Mexican wolf. These  
14 are the specific things that they're saying if you  
15 can -- if you're following these, you're not going  
16 to be in violation of take under the endangered  
17 species act. Previously we have in those  
18 recommendations. Now we're proposing putting them  
19 as an actual rule that we can cite upon if people  
20 are not following due care provisions.

21           Again, the next one requires a trapper that  
22 catches a wolf must report that us or report it to  
23 the Fish and Wildlife Service. One, we want it  
24 reported as quick as possible so we can get a radio  
25 collar on the wolf if it's caught. And two, we

1 want to be able to know where animals are moving.  
2 Right now it's not a requirement, it's a request.  
3 But this would actually require it if someone were  
4 to catch a wolf and did not report, it would be an  
5 illegal take of that trap.

6 A clarification point, it wasn't specifically  
7 in the rule. It's always been illegal, but we just  
8 want to clarify in rule that it would prohibit the  
9 use of any poisons for the taking of protected  
10 furbearers. It's not allowed by rule as it is  
11 right now but we would specifically put that in  
12 the -- in the furbearer rule. It also would  
13 prohibit the take, the intentional take of New  
14 Mexico threatened endangered species or any  
15 federal -- federal law prevents that in there. But  
16 we specifically are putting this in for New Mexico  
17 threatened or endangered species.

18 For example, pine martens in New Mexico,  
19 threatened or endangered species. If someone has a  
20 pole set up in a tree it's obvious that they're  
21 putting it in front of a pine marten, we can now  
22 cite them saying it was an illegal set for that.  
23 And then clarifying the species in which it's  
24 illegal to take, for example, mink, otter, black  
25 red ferret, coatimundis, or marten. Those are

1 protected furbearer species where we do not allow  
2 any take.

3 One of the proposed changes is opening the  
4 raccoon season from May 16th to August 31st with  
5 restricted traps. Those restricted traps are  
6 specifically cage traps or what they consider dog  
7 proof traps. Why we're doing this, we're seeing a  
8 lot of this in the Albuquerque area where the  
9 population of raccoons has grown quite a bit in the  
10 last year. You saw it in our October meeting or  
11 November one. It's in a depredation report.  
12 Raccoons are now our highest species where we get  
13 the most reports on depredation across the state.

14 We have a lot of landowners out there trapping  
15 raccoons on their own without knowledge. It's  
16 illegal for them right now, but this would allow  
17 them to manage some of those populations, those  
18 depredation animals in their backyards, et cetera.

19 The other one is allowing to take nutria year  
20 round. Nutria are an invasive species. We do not  
21 want them growing. We have maybe a small  
22 population in the Rio Hondo. Hopefully they're  
23 down to very few, if none now, but we don't want  
24 any nutria expanding to the states. So if they  
25 did, we want to be able to have the ability to have



1 trappers take them within any period of season.

2 One of the things that we have was changing on  
3 the bag limits is allow the director with the  
4 verbal concurrence of the Chair to set a bag limit  
5 for any given species in a year if we see a  
6 population level change that we think is necessary  
7 to put this in. As we've discussed in the  
8 previous, the only species, a protected furbearer,  
9 we potentially would see this in the next four-year  
10 rule cycle is swift fox. We'll get to that in a  
11 second on some of the data of what we show on take  
12 on that. Swift fox is the one we have very small  
13 take as it is, but if we saw a big increase in take  
14 we would maybe start proposing a bag limit to that  
15 species during this four-year rule cycle. The rest  
16 of the species in which you all have authority  
17 over, we're not proposing any bag limits at this  
18 time.

19 Some of the data that we do collect, and why I  
20 point out bobcat and gray fox harvest, those are  
21 two of the protected furbearers. That is those two  
22 species where we take the most across the state or  
23 where trappers take the most. You'll see the last  
24 ten years have been fairly steady in terms of take,  
25 not a lot of trim there in the take of the species.

1 We do not think anything from a biological  
2 standpoint where we're having any concerns there.

3 Some of the things that we do take  
4 from -- from trappers, and information we take from  
5 trappers that are out there are catching these is  
6 some surrogate data that we can look at to  
7 correlate back what our populations are doing. So  
8 that graphic on the left is the catch per night.  
9 So what it's saying is how many bobcats are they  
10 catching every night that they go out there. As  
11 that number -- if that is an increasing trend it  
12 suggests the population is decreasing. If we would  
13 see a decline in trend in that we would suggest the  
14 population the potentially declining. And we don't  
15 see anything that would be suggestive of a decline  
16 in the population right now.

17 The other one on the right is a graphic on the  
18 number of trap nights, or so how many -- how  
19 many -- and that's calculated by the number of  
20 traps set for each night and how many trap nights  
21 it takes to catch a bobcat. You'll see as that  
22 decreases what it's saying is it's taking less time  
23 to catch a bobcat, which could be indicative of an  
24 increasing population. Some of the stuff in the  
25 east is taking up to 6 to 700 trap nights per

1 bobcat. You'll see we're down in the 150 range,  
2 175 range, so again, nothing that points up where  
3 we have a big concern of overtake on some of those  
4 species.

5 Other things that we do collect is set ratios  
6 of our take on bobcats. You'll see that's remained  
7 fairly consistent through time. Take of females is  
8 less than males, which is good from a biological  
9 sustainable population standard, is we're taking  
10 fewer of the reproductive output portions of the  
11 population and more of the males where it's not as  
12 necessary to have as many males in the population.

13 And then some of the other trends that we  
14 take, as we discuss with trappers to see if their  
15 opinions correlate back with our data. Are  
16 there -- our data that we collect show the same in  
17 the trends of what their opinions are. And what  
18 it's saying is they've -- a lot of the trappers  
19 feel like populations are increasing on some of  
20 these furbearers, our data from the catch bringing  
21 an effort or number of trap nights is suggesting  
22 increase in trends to this, so some of the  
23 correlation between trapper opinion and the actual  
24 data we collect.

25 Real quick, just going through some of the

1 other species, when I mentioned swift fox, you'll  
2 see on that left graphic the dark green is the take  
3 of swift fox. You'll see that's about 20 to 30  
4 animals per year. If that were to really increase,  
5 that's sort of something we would be concern about  
6 it.

7 Some of the trend, downward trend, and  
8 probably kit fox is function of more selectivity.  
9 Kit foxes are really light animals and paying  
10 attention on traps through time have improved to  
11 where you can have a trap where a kit fox that's  
12 (inaudible) doesn't actually set the trap. Also,  
13 swift fox price -- or kit fox prices are not -- are  
14 have low so take is probably less. You'll see  
15 that -- and we're not talking of large numbers  
16 across the state there on the kit fox. You're  
17 between the high end of that. That light green bar  
18 is 200 to the low end, about a hundred. So that's  
19 a statewide number as well.

20 Badger harvest across the state again, the  
21 species, we harvest between 100 to 150. Nothing of  
22 great concern there. And some of the other species  
23 that we harvest. But you'll see raccoon harvest  
24 has increased a little bit, but it's still down  
25 around 3 to 400 animals. In a lot of these other

1 species, the harvest on the statewide average is  
2 below 200 for the majority of those.

3 So with that, I take questions.

4 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Mr. Stewart  
5 Liley, thank you. That was very good.

6 Do we have any questions from the  
7 Commissioners?

8 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: Madame Chair?

9 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Yes,  
10 Commissioner Hickey?

11 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: Good morning,  
12 Stewart.

13 CHIEF LILEY: Good morning.

14 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: I just have one  
15 question. Because of the comment that you made  
16 about the depredation report for raccoons, and we  
17 did see that it's the leading depredation issue  
18 right now for the Game Department, why do we have  
19 such a limited season for raccoons?

20 CHIEF LILEY: Madame Chair, currently we have  
21 a limited season. Again, on our proposal is to  
22 open it up year round. So raccoons would open up  
23 year round, but once the -- our traditional  
24 trapping season ends, and I could go back to that  
25 slide. Once it ends, we would then have a

1 restricted season. When I say restricted, it's  
2 restricted to the traps types that would be  
3 allowed. So not -- your standard foothold trap  
4 would not be allowed. It has to be what's  
5 considered a dog proof or a foot encapsulated trap  
6 that only something with a basically thumb can  
7 trigger the trap with specific catch on raccoons or  
8 what would be considered a caged trap. Those are  
9 the only trap types during that restricted season.  
10 So again, it opens it up year round but it  
11 restricts the kind of equipment that could be used.

12 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: And why is  
13 that -- why is that specific -- why did you do the  
14 restriction just for that time period?

15 CHIEF LILEY: Madame Chair, Commissioner  
16 Henry, the reason that we did that is we want to  
17 ensure when we get reports of trappers out there  
18 that if we're getting a report of a foothold trap  
19 that they're taking during the foot -- the normal  
20 furbearer season that it has the chance of catching  
21 a protected furbearer, we want to close during  
22 those other periods of time. Because these are  
23 target-specific traps, we're just allowing for that  
24 depredation-type individual, that species where we  
25 have a high depredation, we want to target that

1 species during those times. The other species we  
2 do not want to target at that time.

3 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Madame Chair?

5 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Commissioner --

6 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Vesbach.

7 Chief Liley, forgive me if you've gone through  
8 this before, but on the swift fox issue, the one  
9 that we, you know, may monitor -- or monitor and  
10 see if we need may need a bag limit, do we have  
11 catch per unit effort on that species?

12 CHIEF LILEY: Madame Chair, Commissioner  
13 Vesbach, yes, we would have catch per unit effort.  
14 We didn't put it up on this graphic. Catch per  
15 unit effort has basically remained unchanged. We  
16 haven't seen a big take. And when I say basically  
17 remained unchanged, the take has varied from about  
18 70 on a statewide to about 30. We haven't seen a  
19 big increase or decrease in trapping during that  
20 time period.

21 So even though take has remained constant and  
22 trapping hasn't swung much, the catch per unit  
23 effort has remained fairly constant as well. It  
24 varies a little bit year to year, but we haven't  
25 seen any anything that suggests that we have a big

1 decline in population.

2 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Okay, thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER SOULES: Madame Chair?

4 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Commissioner  
5 Soules?

6 COMMISSIONER SOULES: Chief Liley, you  
7 commented on the fact that the Department sometimes  
8 uses trapping for tagging animals. You can track  
9 their activities and motions or other scientific  
10 purposes. Could you elaborate a little bit on  
11 cases -- not cases but examples, for example, I  
12 think the wolf recovery program uses trapping to  
13 make sure wolves are brought back in for the  
14 required recover area. Things like the raccoons,  
15 does the Department sometimes trap raccoons at the  
16 request of landowners? Is the same true if you've  
17 got concerns about bobcat or mountain lions, or  
18 something else from a depredation standpoint rather  
19 than removing the animal through lethal means, do  
20 you -- could you elaborate a little on when  
21 trapping is used for that kind of activity?

22 CHIEF LILEY: Yeah, Madame Chair, Commissioner  
23 Soules, we use it for a variety of purposes. Some  
24 is to place a radio call on a bobcat for example.  
25 We've done different stuff to look at bobcat home



1 ranges across the state, look at how it works and  
2 functions with -- and so we use the same traps that  
3 were -- that you all are getting ready to approve  
4 for the trapping manner and method for research  
5 purposes. You mentioned the Mexican wolf program.  
6 They do it for either depredation reasons, moving  
7 animals to new areas. The last -- in fact, the  
8 last Mexican wolves caught in the wild in Mexico  
9 were caught with traps, the same traps that we're  
10 discussing today.

11 So we use traps as a management tool, as a  
12 live catch tool. That allows us to move animals  
13 across the state. For example, river otters that  
14 were reintroduced into the state of New Mexico were  
15 trapped by employees out of Washington, Department  
16 of Game & Fish that moved them into the state. We  
17 also use it as a tool to manage depredation. And  
18 so we do get depredation reports of a bobcat  
19 killing chickens in a chicken coupe, and we'll use  
20 the most effective way for us to be able to catch  
21 that offending animal is with traps.

22 We make the decision at the time, do we  
23 relocate the animal or do we euthanize that animal  
24 at that time. So there's a case by case on all  
25 those, if it's a euthanasia or a relocation. But

1 it allows us the ability, the most effective way to  
2 trap a furbearer or to catch a furbearer through  
3 traps and then it allows us to decide if it's going  
4 to be released or euthanized.

5 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Any other  
6 questions from our Commissioners?

7 Okay. Very good. It's very important that we  
8 always look at everything, and we are here to  
9 listen. So we would like to -- I've received  
10 several speakers cards, and as I call your name,  
11 please come to the microphone. Those of you wish  
12 to be heard and checked the box, come forward.

13 Patience Odoud, Betty, Kevin, Catalina,  
14 Wesley, Chance, and Chris. And the portion of  
15 this, we would like to hear from you on your  
16 comments to the rule, title 19, chapter 32, part 2  
17 or the amendments to title 19, chapter 31, part 10.  
18 And let's keep the comments to two minutes, please.

19 Patience, thank you very much for coming  
20 forward.

21 PATIENCE ODOUD: Okay. So thank you very  
22 much. I'm Patience Odoud, and I'm the board member  
23 of Wildlife Protection of New Mexico, (inaudible)  
24 5124. Do I understand that we're still going to  
25 have recreational trappings? Or this is we can't

1 discuss because I got here a little bit late.

2 So given that, I'm assuming that we're  
3 still -- we haven't voted yet, and so --

4 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: So, Patience,  
5 I'd like to stick to the comments strictly on what  
6 was just presented. Thank you.

7 PATIENCE ODOUD: All right. One thing that I  
8 didn't hear spoken was anything about climate  
9 change. I heard a lot about depredation. I heard  
10 a lot about moving animals or taking care of  
11 animals regarding depredation. The thing is, is  
12 that, and I saw the graphs of takings. We have  
13 climate change. We're having species extinction  
14 right now. We -- we have night -- we have 1.4  
15 million cattle in this state, and I won't go  
16 through the list of sheep, 90,000-whatever.

17 We have -- we're losing our wildlife left and  
18 right. And we've only got 2,000 trappers and we've  
19 got 2 million people. We're not being represented  
20 because right now New Mexico is last on everything  
21 good, first on everything bad. We're the most  
22 violent state in the Union. That's our reputation.  
23 Look it up. That's what we are. That's what we  
24 are, and we all know since a long time ago  
25 that -- and 88 percent of domestic abuse that there

1 is animal abuse. They're leaked.

2 Trapping is torturous. I don't care how nice  
3 you make the -- the thing. It's torture. It needs  
4 to end. It needs end, all of it.

5 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you,  
6 Patience. Your time is up. Thank you for coming  
7 forward.

8 Betty, two minutes, please. And thank you for  
9 coming forward with your comments regarding the  
10 tracking program. Thank you.

11 BETTY PRICHETT: My name is Betty Prichett. I  
12 live in Bernalillo, New Mexico. I'm an animal  
13 lover. Since I retired, I'm an art teacher, I'm an  
14 artist. I'm an artist. I appreciate the beauty of  
15 our wildlife. I've been working for Mexican wolves  
16 since they've been after these. I mean, I grew up  
17 in Indiana. The only wolves were in -- in the far  
18 north, not in the lower United States. I was so  
19 happy when they were brought to Yellowstone. I  
20 helped in that effort.

21 Right now I believe the plan is causing a mass  
22 extinction. We know right now that a third of the  
23 birds are gone. And I care about the next  
24 generation will be -- there will be wildlife for  
25 the next generation. There's a question in my

1 mind, and we have no reason to allow trapping on  
2 our public land. Our public lands are for the  
3 public to enjoy.

4 I have dogs. I have five dogs. I love to  
5 walk them. I have to walk them on a leash because  
6 if they were turned loose they would probably get  
7 in a trap. I might get in a trap. I know too many  
8 beautiful animals, they're like children. I'm an  
9 artist. (Inaudible), and I want to ban trapping,  
10 period. It's cruel. Like cock fighting. I worked  
11 hard to ban cock fighting. I couldn't believe when  
12 I moved from Indiana up here that cock fighting is  
13 still going on.

14 And I feel the same thing about trapping. In  
15 this generation, trapping is not wanted or needed.  
16 And the public supports me on this.

17 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you,  
18 Betty. That was -- thank you for your comments.

19 Let's move to the next person, Kevin. Kevin,  
20 I'm not sure if you want to -- yes?

21 KEVIN BIXBY: Do you want to call out --

22 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Oh, Kevin Bixby,  
23 yes. Yeah. And again, two minutes. And if you  
24 finish before the two minutes are up, that's fine.  
25 But we want to hear your comments relating to this

1 rule. Thank you.

2 KEVIN BIXBY: Thank you, Madame Chair,  
3 Commissioners. I'll try and be brief. I don't  
4 envy you for this vote that you are about to take.  
5 You're not going to please anybody. I appreciate  
6 that the rule change was intended with good  
7 intentions to reach a compromise and respond to  
8 some public concerns. I don't think you succeeded,  
9 frankly.

10 Our organization is opposed to recreational  
11 trapping, commercial trapping, not necessarily  
12 trapping for management purposes that are intended  
13 to benefit the species, but the use of the public's  
14 wildlife plan and full of trappers to make money, I  
15 think that's -- that's just not something the  
16 public is good with and you shouldn't be either if  
17 you're being responsive to the broader public  
18 interest in wildlife.

19 So, you know, our organization, the Southwest  
20 Environmental Center opposes trapping because if  
21 you take -- if you weigh the pros and the cons.  
22 From the pros, you know, the management purposes,  
23 whatever, the benefits of trappers versus all the  
24 negatives, the suffering and the stress caused to  
25 wide animals, the commercialization of public

1 wildlife, the danger to public land users, it just  
2 doesn't make sense to continue recreational  
3 commercial trapping.

4 I did want to point out that it may not have  
5 been clear in Mr. Liley's presentation but the  
6 European Union has banned traps. So whatever  
7 communication between the U.S. and you in the past,  
8 it doesn't -- that's not relevant.

9 So this is one of those issues like wildlife  
10 killing contests that you're being asked to be  
11 responsive to the broader public interest in  
12 wildlife or dig in and face it backwards. And, you  
13 know, I note there is a concern out there that as,  
14 you know, any attack on trapping is an attack on  
15 hunting. And I don't see that. That's not my  
16 view, personally, or the view of our organization.  
17 They seen completely different activities. We're  
18 fine with hunting. I'm a hunter myself, but  
19 trapping just seems completely different.

20 And, you know, there's this idea that wild  
21 animals are strictly resources without intrinsic  
22 value or lives or, you know, feelings. And that's  
23 just out of step with, A, the way the public  
24 increasingly used wild animals, and B, modern  
25 ecological understanding that -- that says -- that

1 understands that furbearers regulate their own  
2 numbers and don't need to be managed. So I  
3 recommend that you do not accept the changes.  
4 There are some good things, mandatory trapper  
5 education, but that you start over from scratch.

6 Thank you.

7 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you,  
8 Kevin.

9 I have another comment from Catalina. Thank  
10 you. Thank you for all these comments. It's  
11 important that we hear all of the comments.

12 KATRINA CLARK: I'm Catrina Clark, and I'm  
13 from the (inaudible), but you'll find out who I am.  
14 Commissioners, animal activists, pet lovers, press,  
15 and (inaudible). I am the proud originator of this  
16 photo taken by (inaudible) near Pagosa Springs,  
17 Colorado, Roxy looking right out to heaven. I fear  
18 for the safety of New Mexicans, tourists, and  
19 visitors alike on public lands in this state with  
20 the current trapping session going on. And I call  
21 it the land of entrapment.

22 I want this Game Commission to end the current  
23 trapping season session by voting on this item  
24 versus a few small current changes to the  
25 furbearers regulation for the next four years. As



1 I represent the majority of New Mexicans and the  
2 way they think and I think about trapping. End  
3 trapping now. Make it illegal.

4 I want this Commission and the game wardens  
5 involved never to give out a trapping permit again  
6 to Maury Cordova and that he finally be convicted  
7 of the misdemeanors and punished with some fine and  
8 jail time just like the guy Krieb Teason who hit an  
9 endangered Mexican gray wolf with a shovel in the  
10 Gila National Forest and killing it. Since then,  
11 that guy has denied -- has been denied a grazing  
12 permit on national forest.

13 Our current governor should elect a Game  
14 Commission who would end this cruel sport, a  
15 barbaric, unethical killing way of killing  
16 countless innocent animals starting from two or  
17 three centuries ago just to sell a few pelts to the  
18 Chinese.

19 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Catalina --

20 KATRINA CLARK: You are writing the year 2020,  
21 and I've lived here in this state for 21 years. I  
22 want us to follow Colorado and Arizona, public and  
23 traps, stink traps do not mix.

24 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you.

25 KATRINA CLARK: Ban these traps now,

1 (inaudible) as well.

2 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you very  
3 much, Catalina. Thank you for your comments.

4 KATRINA CLARK: This is what I have to walk  
5 around during the trapping season so my other dogs  
6 will not get caught in the trapping in this wire  
7 snare to be able to cut it open.

8 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you for  
9 your public comment. Thank you very much.

10 I have next is Wesley. And again, two  
11 minutes, please. I think as most of you should be  
12 able to hear the timer that's going off. And I  
13 don't mean to be rude to those of you that are  
14 going past, but I'm going to try and watch the  
15 going over. Okay.

16 Thank you, sir.

17 WESLEY: Madame Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen of  
18 the Commission. I am Wesley (inaudible), and I'm  
19 from Socorro, New Mexico. I've been trapping most  
20 of my life, and I've been around several years,  
21 probably more than any of you here. And I  
22 understand trapping inside and out, and I would  
23 like to keep the rules as they are. I don't think  
24 that there's a need for other -- the changes. It  
25 will handicap us in some ways.

1           The one thing that we do need is trappers  
2 education. We go along with that for 100 percent.  
3 We've been trying to get this for 40 years in the  
4 Trappers Association.

5           Another thing that, you mentioned the kit fox,  
6 and this is for your information. Most of the kit  
7 fox that are caught are incidental. There's very  
8 few trappers that want to take a kit fox and most  
9 of us release them. We don't take them. We  
10 release them.

11           So on that information, that's all I need to  
12 let you know about. I have written to you. I have  
13 been to two or three other meetings, and I think  
14 you know where I stand. Thank you.

15           MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you, sir.

16           Next up is Chance. Chance, if you could  
17 please come forward, and thank you, sir, for your  
18 public comment. Two minutes, please.

19           CHANCE STEPFORD: Hello. My name is Chance  
20 Stepford. I'm president of New Mexico Trapping  
21 Association. Thank you guys for allowing us to  
22 comment on this rule.

23           The North American model of wildlife has been  
24 of great success in our country for many years.  
25 Why? Because it's science-based. Hundreds upon

1 hundreds of hours of research done by educated  
2 biologists have resulted in an abundance of  
3 wildlife. As you know, the model supports for  
4 (inaudible) trapping. Trapping is a large part of  
5 the success of non-predatory wildlife as well as  
6 the animals we trap. Wildlife Management is  
7 science based. Politics has no place in wildlife  
8 management.

9 The proposed setback rule is concerning for  
10 few reasons. New distance proposal would -- would  
11 exclude some farms and many ranch pastures. Thank  
12 you for the (inaudible). Game & Fish has been  
13 promoting hunting, fishing, and trapping for the  
14 last few years because involvement has been  
15 lacking. Reduced available land roads against  
16 this.

17 The very pets that this proposal aims to  
18 protect will in fact have an increased (inaudible).  
19 The dogs (inaudible) are likely to be injured or  
20 killed by a coyote on a trail than injured by a  
21 trap. Let's not forget that the reason the leash  
22 laws is to protect the public, livestock, and  
23 wildlife from loose dogs.

24 Allowing the Department the ability to set  
25 back limits again has no scientific basis. If you

1 consider the size of New Mexico, 77 million acres  
2 versus the number of trappers and the number of  
3 furbearers takings here, there's absolutely no  
4 reason for this. It'll open handler (inaudible) in  
5 both the Department and outdoors men and women in  
6 our state.

7 The anti groups will see this as an  
8 opportunity to put pressure on the Game Department  
9 as well as the Commission on a yearly basis.

10 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you,  
11 Chance.

12 CHANCE STEPFORD: Thank you.

13 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: The next speaker  
14 is Chris.

15 And thank you all for being very mindful of  
16 (inaudible).

17 CHRISTOPHER SMITH: (Inaudible), Members of  
18 the Commission, Director Sung, thank you for taking  
19 public comment, and I appreciate your efforts to  
20 date on this rule. I know it's not easy. My name  
21 is Christopher Smith. I'm here on behalf of  
22 Wildlife Guardians. I work closely with the  
23 Trapping New Mexico Coalition who has been engaged  
24 in this issue for nearly a decade.

25 We sent you a comprehensive letter with

1           comments, and I'll be sure to get that to you,  
2           Madame Chair, as well. I hope you've read those.

3           Frankly, we think this rule change is  
4           inadequate. The new rules will not change the fact  
5           that trapping is inherently indiscriminate, that  
6           it's a public safety hazard. So far in this  
7           trapping season we know of at least three dogs that  
8           have been caught and injured in leg hold traps here  
9           in New Mexico. And this rule will not stop the  
10          inflictive -- infliction of horrible suffering on  
11          thousands of animals every trapping season.

12          We also don't think that this rule change  
13          impacts the fact that trapping is an archaic  
14          inequity that New Mexico is behind in confronting.

15          I wanted to -- not to pile on Mr. Liley's  
16          presentation a little bit, but I did want to note  
17          that not only has the European Union banned traps  
18          but over a hundred countries have banned traps. So  
19          the idea that we are meeting international  
20          standards, I think, is false. Mr. Liley's  
21          presentation referenced trapping as an management  
22          tool.

23          My understanding of management tools and  
24          pertaining to wildlife is that they have specific  
25          goals and they're monitored. I don't know of the

1 specific rules that recreational commercial  
2 trapping are attempting to meet. I think that  
3 trapping is a convenient outlier in the North  
4 American model, and I don't see it as consistent  
5 with the model. I also notice in the presentation  
6 that we didn't see any pictures of animals in traps  
7 or skinned. So I think we're trying to clean it up  
8 a little bit more than it is inherently.

9 Three of the four closure areas that you're  
10 proposing, we have not seen dogs trapped in those  
11 areas. We think that we're leaving unprotected  
12 spots in the state. 70 percent of New Mexicans  
13 oppose trapping, and New Mexico deserves trap-free  
14 public lands. Thank you.

15 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you,  
16 Chris, for your comments.

17 Joanne. I believe -- oh, my gosh, yes, this  
18 is Representative Joanne Very. Thank you very  
19 much. Your comments, please. Two minutes.

20 JOANNE VERY: Thank you. I'm here as a  
21 citizen and concerned about wildlife protections.  
22 I believe that we should ban trapping especially on  
23 public lands altogether. I appreciate the  
24 protections that you're trying to impose, but I  
25 don't think that there's enough trail heads and

1 paths that are designated that would give the  
2 protections that we need and the enforcement. You  
3 know, saying the traps have to be checked every day  
4 is not something that is enforceable. And that you  
5 would need a lot more Game & Wildlife officers out  
6 in the open and checking on that, and especially  
7 making it so it expands for the water traps to be  
8 only checked every two days when we know they  
9 probably aren't even checked once a week.

10 So I think it's important that you maybe start  
11 over, as someone suggested, Mr. Bixby, and make  
12 sure that we consider also just banning trapping  
13 altogether. It -- I lost two dogs in the early  
14 '70s to traps, and I just -- I'm horrified to think  
15 about how they suffered and that all the other  
16 furbearing animals that it's open to making them  
17 available to suffer, too. So I would hope that you  
18 might turn this down.

19 Thank you.

20 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you.

21 I think we have one last question from the  
22 public, and that is -- I think this is Kurt. Kurt,  
23 are you here? And again, two minutes. We're doing  
24 very well. Okay. Very good.

25 KURT ANDERSON: My name is Kurt Anderson. I'm



1 on the executive committee of the Rio Grande  
2 Chapter Seer Club. I also am a member of the Solid  
3 Water Conservation District, Dona Ana County. And  
4 I want to object or speak against item S, item S  
5 exceptions. It seems very unclear to me that what  
6 you're going to do with designated agencies. I  
7 think you've (inaudible) of wildlife services, for  
8 instance, which I supposedly controlling  
9 depredating animals for law enforcement purposes,  
10 I'd like to clarify, and to protect human health  
11 and safety or for research or management.

12 It seems like a very broad exception to the  
13 law, almost anything. In particular I'm concerned  
14 about the fact that there seems to be very little  
15 evidence that, for instance, rabies is controlled  
16 by trapping at all. Thank you.

17 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you very  
18 much.

19 Do we have any other comments from the public?  
20 And I think we had one more. And I think this will  
21 be our last one before we proceed for a vote and  
22 then possibly a break, if everybody is ready for  
23 one.

24 Shelly, thank you for coming forward.

25 SHELLY STUCKARD: Good morning. I'm Shelly

1 Stuckard with New Mexico Trappers Association, and  
2 I just have a couple comments that I was listening  
3 to people talk about that I thought I'd respond on.  
4 One, they talk about New Mexico citizens and how  
5 traps are dangerous and to all the citizens and the  
6 population. As a trapper, I am part of the  
7 population. I am part of the land user, too. So  
8 to say that it should just favor one type of a  
9 person, no, I am part of -- I am part of this and  
10 I've grown up here my entire life.

11 Two, there are rules that protect your animals  
12 if you're walking them, and you need to put them on  
13 the leash, follow the leash laws, follow the laws.  
14 We follow our laws. If we're following ours, you  
15 follow yours, there is no reason at all why there  
16 should be problems.

17 I noticed a comment saying that we're not  
18 regulated and that every day checks cannot be  
19 regulated. Well, bow hunters can't be regulated.  
20 Fishermen cannot be regulated. They are.

21 It's a moral duty to follow a law. Game &  
22 Fish does not follow around every person using the  
23 outdoors. If so, we'd see a lot more tickets with  
24 people with dogs in public without leashes on them  
25 because Game & Fish would catch them constantly.

1 They would catch the bow hunters. They'd catch the  
2 turkey hunters. They would catch everybody. It's  
3 a moral obligation to follow the law on both sides  
4 of the spectrum.

5 That's all I wanted to say. Thank you very  
6 much.

7 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you.

8 Thank you everyone for coming forward with  
9 your comments. I did notice, for the record, that  
10 some of you brought to the microphone things in  
11 your hands. So my question here is are there any  
12 other exhibits anyone would like to enter into the  
13 record at this time? Okay. Very good.

14 So, Commissioners, I think we are ready for a  
15 vote.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Ma'am, I do have one I  
17 would like to enter, please.

18 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Okay, very good.  
19 Will you please come forward and we will have that  
20 exhibit.

21 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Madame Chair, before the vote  
22 you'll need to close this section of the hearing.

23 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Oh, I'm sorry.  
24 Sorry, sorry, sorry, sorry.

25 DIRECTOR SLOAN: After you enter the --

1 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you.

2 Thank you. Yep, yep, yep, yep.

3 Okay. Has everyone presented, signed the  
4 attendance sheet? I have the cards, but have you  
5 signed the attendance sheet? Yes, I see some nods.  
6 If there are no other questions, I will admit -- I  
7 will admit the attendance sheet as the exhibit.

8 Yes?

9 DIRECTOR SLOAN: 7.

10 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: 7. The comments  
11 submitted and testimony heard during this hearing,  
12 rule hearing --

13 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Madame Chair?

14 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Yes, sir?

15 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Can we mark the letter from  
16 the Trappers Association as Exhibit 8 as well?

17 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Yes. Thank you,  
18 Director Sloan. And that will be an exhibit. So  
19 we have two exhibits; is that correct?

20 DIRECTOR SLOAN: We have a total of 8, but two  
21 of them --

22 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Oh, total.

23 Okay.

24 DIRECTOR SLOAN: -- the sign-in sheet and the  
25 letter.

1 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Okay, very good.

2 The comments submitted in testimony heard  
3 during this rule hearing will be reviewed by the  
4 Commission and discussed during the open session of  
5 today's meeting. The Commission will vote on the  
6 proposed rule at this time.

7 I would like to thank everyone present for  
8 their participation today. We are here to listen  
9 and we are here to be fair and to make a thorough  
10 decision respecting all sides of the issue.

11 So let the record show that this rule making  
12 hearing -- oh, wait, we have to vote.

13 Any more comments from the Commissioners? I  
14 kind of looked at the faces and it was like okay.  
15 So --

16 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Madame Chair?

17 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: And then I'll  
18 look to this side.

19 Yes, Commissioner Vesbach?

20 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: So we've heard this  
21 around the state a few times, and I think this is  
22 one of those classic, you know, urban world of  
23 ideas. I've read all, at least looked through all  
24 2,000 or so comments we got. And a lot it, it's  
25 quicker than it sounds because a lot of them were

1 identical. But the ones that were unique, I looked  
2 at. And really, what has struck me through this is  
3 the primary conflict on both sides, the interest is  
4 around domestic animals. It's around dogs being  
5 caught or protection of livestock has been, not all  
6 the comments, but the bulk of the comments has been  
7 around that.

8 And I think the -- the Department has done a  
9 good job with this to look at and try to find  
10 balance in those conflicts. I mean, people really  
11 want to protect their livestock. They really want  
12 to protect their dog, and this is -- we have areas,  
13 closed trapping where it's high traffic. We have  
14 hunter trapper education for the first time.  
15 That's something I could just transform to hunting,  
16 and we now have it for trapping. That's going to  
17 be important.

18 And I think everybody wants to get rid of  
19 illegal trapping and crack down on illegal  
20 trapping. This is going to help with that. And so  
21 reducing those conflicts, I think this is -- this  
22 rule is aimed at reducing that conflict, and I  
23 think it's -- you know, I think the Department has  
24 done a nice job trying to strike that balance.  
25 That's all I want to say.

1 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Very good.

2 Thank you, Commissioner.

3 Any other comments?

4 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: Madame Chair?

5 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Yes,  
6 Commissioner Lopez?

7 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: First off, I'd like to  
8 thank the Department for all the hard work they  
9 have done in the last year or so dealing with the  
10 trapping issue. I do echo what Commissioner  
11 Vesbach says, that we do have two sides to the  
12 story. I understand the grievances of the outdoor  
13 recreation is how they deal with the harm that's  
14 caused to the animals.

15 But I also do hear the grievances of the  
16 agricultural end of the aspect where our livestock  
17 can and have been damaged by predators and  
18 they -- these predators need to be controlled. But  
19 I believe that this is a fair set of rules for now,  
20 that both sides can agree on, along with the  
21 Department, and we'll learn to adapt and with these  
22 adaptations we'll learn the mistakes. And if these  
23 mistakes need to be corrected or anything, we still  
24 have that option later on down the stream.

25 But for now, thank you to the Department and

1 thank you for both sides of the industry, the  
2 outdoor recreationists, and the agricultural side  
3 for your comments. And again, thank you so much.

4 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Very good.

5 Thank you, Commissioner.

6 Any other comments?

7 COMMISSIONER BATES: I guess I had a comment.

8 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Commissioner  
9 Bates?

10 COMMISSIONER BATES: We have received a number  
11 of emails, and (inaudible) read each and every one  
12 of those, but I feel like this -- this rule does  
13 place an undue burden on the trapper. You heard  
14 some of them, not even a block, a mile around, you  
15 know, to set a trap. And I understand why we're  
16 doing it and I think probably, you know, it might  
17 be necessary. I'm still not sure if I'll vote in  
18 favor of this rule because of that burden.

19 These trappers don't view what they're doing  
20 as recreation or a sport. You know, they see it as  
21 a means of species population management, disease  
22 control, heritage, a way of life, and yes, it's a  
23 means of income. And I understand they're a  
24 minority, but we live in the United States of  
25 America. This is a country which prides itself on



1 defending rights of minorities even if it be a  
2 minority of one, we fervently and passionately  
3 defend those rights, as we should.

4 And yes, we have to guard against the tyranny  
5 of the minority over the majority. We must also  
6 protect from tyranny of the majority over the  
7 minority. Yet when it comes to the trapper, it  
8 seems like the majority of voices have the say,  
9 trapper, get out, there's no place for you. Are we  
10 going to say that for all the other minority  
11 groups? I don't think so. I hope not. And so I  
12 can't get my mind around that dichotomy, and  
13 therefore I can't give my support.

14 Thank you.

15 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you,  
16 Commissioner. That was very good.

17 Any other comments from our Commissioners?

18 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: One other, Madame  
19 Chair.

20 I would like to echo what Commissioner Bates  
21 stated in that the setback rule does place an  
22 extreme hardship on the trappers, that mile to  
23 every trap every day is a hardship. And after  
24 talking with Shane Mahoney on the trapping, he's  
25 the writer of the North American model, it is an

1 extreme hardship. But one of -- trapping is one of  
2 the most regulated sports, I don't know if you call  
3 it a sport, whatever it is, activity in America,  
4 and New Mexico has some of the most extreme  
5 regulations as well. And that half mile places a  
6 huge hardship on those trappers to every trap.

7 Thank you.

8 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Any other  
9 comments or questions?

10 Very good. Are we ready to move to a vote? I  
11 see some nods from the Commissioners. Okay. Very  
12 good. So I think what we'll do is we'll take the  
13 vote with ayes and nays. So all in favor --

14 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Madame Chair.

15 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Excuse me.  
16 Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.

17 I need a motion from one of the Commissioners.

18 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Madame Chair?

19 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Yes,  
20 Commissioner Vesbach?

21 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: I move to repeal and  
22 replace 19.32.2 NMAC and to amend 19.31.10 NMAC as  
23 presented by the Department and allow the  
24 Department to make minor corrections to comply with  
25 filing this rule with the state records and

1 archives.

2 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Do I have a  
3 second?

4 COMMISSIONER CRAMER: Second.

5 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Very good.

6 Commissioners, those of you in favor, please  
7 say aye.

8 COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER SOULES: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: Aye.

11 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: Aye.

12 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER BATES: Nay.

14 COMMISSIONER CRAMER: Nay.

15 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: How many was  
16 that? Two.

17 Okay. I think that the ayes have it. That  
18 rule passes.

19 Okay. We are on hearing item number 3A. It  
20 will be presented by Chad Nelson. I believe the  
21 Department will present the final changes to the  
22 Game & Fish licenses permits rule, 19.30.9 NMCA.

23 And I thank everyone for listening.

24 My name is Sharon Salazar Hickey. I will be  
25 serving as the hearing officer for this portion of

1 the meeting. And be advised by the Commission's  
2 counsel from the Office of the Attorney General.  
3 The purpose of this hearing is for consideration of  
4 final adoption of the following proposed rule by  
5 the Commission.

6 The hearing item is, one, for the Commission  
7 to receive public comment on the proposed new Fair  
8 Chase Rule, Title 19, Chapter 30, Part 18 of the  
9 New Mexico Administrative Code. The Fair Chase  
10 Rule will become effective on February 11th, 2020.

11 These hearings are being conducted in  
12 accordance with the provisions of the Game & Fish  
13 Act and the State Rules Act. These hearings are  
14 being audiotaped, thank you, and video recorded.  
15 Anyone interested in a copy of the audiotape or  
16 video recording should contact Tristanna Bickford  
17 with the Game & Fish Department.

18 Public notice of this hearing was advertised  
19 in the New Mexico Registrar, the New Mexico  
20 Sunshine Portal, and on the Department's website.  
21 Copies of the proposed new rules have been  
22 available on the Department's website. Those  
23 wishing to comment here today, please sign the  
24 attendance sheet at the back of the room, which  
25 will later be entered into the record as an

1 exhibit.

2 These -- now an explanation of our hearing  
3 procedures. These rule hearings will be conducted  
4 in the following manner: staff will present  
5 prefiled exhibits. Exhibits admitted into evidence  
6 are available for review by the public but exhibits  
7 may not be removed from this room. After all  
8 exhibits are entered, we will proceed to the  
9 presentation of the proposed rule after which  
10 testimony will be taken from the audience.

11 In order to make sure that the hearing is  
12 accurately recorded, only one person at a time  
13 shall be allowed to speak. Any person recognized  
14 to speak is asked to, one, identify yourself by  
15 name and who you are affiliated with for the record  
16 each time you are recognized. And two, speak  
17 loudly and clearly to accurately record your  
18 comments. After a person has offered comment, they  
19 will stand for questions from me, and the audience  
20 may also ask questions of anyone offering comments  
21 after being recognized by me. These hearings are  
22 not subject to judicial rules of evidence. We're  
23 not in court. However, in the interest of  
24 efficiency, I reserve the right to limit any  
25 testimony deemed irrelevant, redundant, or unduly

1           repetitious. But again, we try to listen.

2           The Commission may discuss the proposed new  
3 rules after the public comment portion of the  
4 hearing. Final Commission action, including  
5 adoption of the rules, may occur after the  
6 conclusion of the presentation and public comment  
7 period of each hearing.

8           We are going to begin our hearing now. This  
9 hearing is now open. Are there any exhibits for  
10 the proposed new rule 19.30.0 for the record?

11           DIRECTOR SLOAN: Madame Chair, I have five  
12 exhibits to submit for the record. Exhibit 1 is  
13 the notice of rule making; Exhibit 2 is the clean  
14 copy and strike through versions of the rules that  
15 were posted to the website; Exhibit 3 is the  
16 presentation that will be given today; Exhibit 4 is  
17 the summary of the proposed changes that was put on  
18 the website; and Exhibit 5 is the six public  
19 comments that we received.

20           MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Very good.

21           Well, Chad, can you please proceed to  
22 introduce the proposed new rule for 19.30.9? Thank  
23 you.

24           MR. NELSON: Madame Chair, thank you.

25           So we are here to present final proposed

1 amendments to the perhaps misnamed Game & Fish  
2 licenses and permits rule, which actually primarily  
3 regulates licensed vendors. So the rule actually  
4 specifies the requirements for licensed vendors and  
5 also financial liability for carcass tags.

6 So I want to give you a little background on  
7 this. This will be the third time that I'm  
8 presenting this rule. A couple of years ago,  
9 starting in 2018, we reimplemented a carcass tag  
10 requirement. And as part of that process, we now  
11 assign a controlled number of carcass tags to all  
12 of our vendors. So we established at that time  
13 financial liability for failure to return those as  
14 we had specified in the rule.

15 The previous rule established those  
16 liabilities as \$125 per tag for the first  
17 occurrence, \$250 for the second occurrence, and  
18 required the Department to suspend the vendor's  
19 licensed spending privileges on a third offense.  
20 So we had some trouble with that, obviously,  
21 because it's unclear what happens if they, for  
22 example, lose three in one month.

23 So we are proposing to do is clarify the  
24 license vendor's responsibilities and reduce the  
25 penalties for lost carcass tags to hopefully

1 simplify the rules. So the penalty for each  
2 unusable tag and each unused blank tag would be set  
3 at \$100 per tag. A little explanation of that, an  
4 unusable tag, the way that this works, the way that  
5 vendors issue the tags, they enter a control number  
6 and then they come to a screen where we display  
7 exactly how the tag is supposed to look. And they  
8 are supposed to handwrite those.

9 So if they make a mistake, they designate,  
10 that mark that tag as unusable. So that is what  
11 we're talking about when they are financially  
12 liable. If they make a mistake, they can't throw  
13 that tag away. They have to return it to us.  
14 Unused blank tags are tags that have not been used  
15 at the end of a license year, which they are also  
16 required to return those. The provision requiring  
17 the Department to suspend a vendor on the third  
18 occurrence is also (inaudible).

19 We received six public comments. All were  
20 from licensed vendors. We actually asked them to  
21 weigh in because this is a rule that affects them.  
22 Most of the comments were not related to the  
23 changes that we are making. One comment was  
24 related to the Department's time frame for  
25 collecting payments for cash sales. The rule



1 specifies that vendors have to pay the Department  
2 for their cash sales every two weeks or 5,000 in  
3 sales, whichever comes first.

4 So this kind of was primarily a complaint that  
5 they don't sell very many licenses and yet we are  
6 hassling them to pay us. So there's not much we  
7 can do about that. We sort of notify all vendors,  
8 regardless.

9 The other comments were not related  
10 specifically to the changes we're proposing. We  
11 did have four of the six that were in support of  
12 increasing the vendor fee.

13 With that, I'll stand for any questions?

14 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you very  
15 much.

16 Any comments or questions from the  
17 Commissioners?

18 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: Yes.

19 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Yes,  
20 Commissioner Lopez?

21 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: How many tags are each  
22 vendor issued?

23 MR. NELSON: Madame Chair, Commissioner Lopez,  
24 that depends on their sales. We actually look at  
25 the actual number of the game or turkey licenses

1 that they sell, and we can sign -- so they come in  
2 bundles of 50. We can sign an extra bundle if they  
3 are in the middle so that they -- we know that they  
4 have enough.

5 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: And just to clarify, so  
6 if you give a vendor 50 tags. Just say Chama, and  
7 none of those tags are sold, probably wouldn't  
8 happen. Those 50 tags are then returned to the  
9 Department and you charge them \$100 for each tag  
10 they return unused, right? Or no?

11 MR. NELSON: Madame Chair, Commissioner Lopez,  
12 if they return the tags we do not charge them.

13 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: Okay.

14 MR. NELSON: We can sign them to them when  
15 they return them. If they fail to return them,  
16 they are penalized and what we're proposing is \$100  
17 per tag as a penalty.

18 COMMISSIONER LOPEZ: Thank you.

19 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Good question.  
20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: Madame Chair?

22 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Commissioner  
23 Henry?

24 COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: How is that Chad?  
25 It's good to see you again.

1           So can you explain to me why we removed the  
2 requirement that you suspend them if they are a  
3 continual I lost this or I messed this up? How  
4 come that provision is being removed?

5           MR. NELSON: Madame Chair, Commissioner Henry,  
6 so we thought it was sort of overly burdensome on  
7 the third occurrence to suspend them. The  
8 director's authority has been clarified. The  
9 director has the authority to place restrictions or  
10 conditions on a vendor's privileges. So if we run  
11 into problems where we are having a habitual  
12 offender, the director has the authority to suspend  
13 their license privileges.

14           COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: Okay. So that's  
15 written somewhere else in the rule.

16           MR. NELSON: Madame Chair, Commissioner Henry,  
17 that's correct.

18           COMMISSIONER SALAZAR-HENRY: Thank you.

19           MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Any comments or  
20 questions?

21           Would anyone in the public like to comment on  
22 the new rule title 19, chapter 30, part 9? I don't  
23 have any cards.

24           Very well.

25           DIRECTOR SLOAN: Madame Chair?

1 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR SLOAN: We need to make an exhibit of  
3 the blank attendance sheet.

4 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Oh, very good.  
5 Okay.

6 DIRECTOR SLOAN: I believe that will be  
7 Exhibit 6. Clearly this is the real --

8 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: We will move  
9 into Exhibit 6, I believe, a blank attendance  
10 sheet. Yes?

11 DIRECTOR SLOAN: Correct.

12 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Okay. Exhibit  
13 sheet.

14 Has -- if there are no other questions, I will  
15 admit the attendance sheet as Exhibit 7.

16 DIRECTOR SLOAN: 6.

17 MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: 6. And the  
18 comments submitted in testimony heard during this  
19 hearing will be reviewed by the Commission and  
20 discussed during the open session of today's  
21 meeting. The Commission will vote on the proposed  
22 rule at this time as we are closing the hearing.

23 I would like to thank everyone here present  
24 for their participation today. Thank you, members  
25 of the public, and thank you, Chad.

1           Let the record show that this rule making  
2 hearing was adjourned -- oh, we need to vote. Do I  
3 have a motion on this rule from any of the  
4 Commissioners?

5           COMMISSIONER VESBACH: Madame Chair?

6           MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Commissioner  
7 Vesbach?

8           COMMISSIONER VESBACH: I move to adopt the  
9 proposed changes to 19.3.9 NMAC as presented by the  
10 Department and allow the Department to make minor  
11 corrections to comply with filing this rule with  
12 state records and archives.

13           MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: Thank you,  
14 Commissioner Vesbach.

15           Do I have a second.

16           COMMISSIONER CRAMER: I'll second.

17           MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: I think we will  
18 take Commissioner Cramer. Thank you.

19           Now for the vote, we will take ayes as a vote  
20 for yes and nays as a vote for no. All in favor  
21 say aye.

22           ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

23           MADAME CHAIR SALAZAR HICKEY: The ayes have  
24 it. Let the record show that this rule hearing was  
25 adjourned at 11:31, and this rule has passed.

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Thank you.

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**MINUTES - NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION**  
**Friday, January 17, 2020**  
**Las Cruces, NM**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Called to Order**

Called to order by Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry at 9:00 AM

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Roll Call**

All present: Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Soules, Commissioner Vesbach, Commissioner Bates and Commissioner Salazar Hickey.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to amend the agenda, moving item 12 to follow the lunch break.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Soules

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Introduction of Guests**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Consent Agenda**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Bates moved to approve the consent agenda.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Vesbach

**Approved:** Unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: General Public Comments**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the State Game Commission**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to appoint Commissioner Salazar-Henry as vice chair of the State Game Commission.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Approved:** Unanimously

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez moved to appoint Commissioner Salazar Hickey as chair of the State Game Commission.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bates

**Approved:** Unanimously

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 Annual Adoption of the Open Meetings Resolution**

Leif Rasmussen presented the Open Meetings Act Resolution to the State Game Commission.



**Motion by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry moved to adopt the 2020 State Game Commission Open Meetings Resolution.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Approved:** Unanimously

## **PUBLIC RULE HEARING OPEN**

### **HEARING ITEM NO. 1a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on a new Fair Chase Rule – 19.31.3 NMAC.**

Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife Management Division, presented the final proposed rule that would withhold certain wildlife location data collected by the Department or its contractors from the public if the information could be used contrary to the principals of fair chase.

**Action Item No. 1b:** The Commission voted on the final Fair Chase Rule 19.31.3 NMAC after closing of the hearing item.

**Motion by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry moved to approve the rule as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bates

**Approved:** Unanimously

### **HEARING ITEM NO. 2a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on Final Rule Changes to the Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method Rule – 19.31.10 NMAC and a new Trapping and Furbearers Rule – 19.32.2 NMAC.**

Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife Management Division, presented the final proposed changes to the Trapping and Furbearers rule (19.32.2 NMAC), and the concurrent changes to the Manner and Method Rule (19.31.10 NMAC) based on public comment, harvest and biological data collected and information from recent literature.

**Action Item No. 2b:** The Commission voted on the final amendments to Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method Rule 19.31.10 NMAC and a new Trapping and Furbearers Rule 19.32.2 NMAC after closing of the hearing item

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to approve the rule as presented.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry

**Approved:** Unanimously

### **HEARING ITEM NO. 3a (Informational): Rule Making Hearing on Repealing and Replacing the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule – 19.30.9 NMAC.**

**Presented by Chad Nelson** – The Department presented the final changes to the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule (19.30.9 NMAC).

Chad Nelson, Assistant Chief of Licensing, presented the final proposed amendments to the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits rule (19.30.9 NMAC).

**Action Item No. 3b:** The Commission voted on repealing and replacing the Game and Fish Licenses/Permits Rule (19.30.9 NMAC) after closing of the hearing item.

**Motion by:** Commissioner Vesbach moved to approve the rule as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Cramer

**Approved:** Unanimously

## **PUBLIC RULE HEARING CLOSED**

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Future Meeting Schedule and Locations.**

James Comins, Assistant Director, presented a meeting schedule for the 2020 calendar year and for January of 2021. Suggested meeting dates and locations are:

- March 4, 2020 - Albuquerque (Wednesday)
- April 30, 2020 - Silver City (Thursday)
- June 19, 2020 - Santa Fe (Friday)
- August 13, 2020 - Chama (Thursday)
- October 16, 2020 - Taos (Friday)
- December 3, 2020 - Roswell (Thursday)
- January 15, 2021 - Las Cruces (Friday)

**Motion by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry moved to approve the rule as presented.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Bates

**Approved:** Unanimously

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Fiscal Year 2019 Department Audit Results and Review**

Contractor Moss Adams LLP presented the financial audit of the Department for fiscal year 2019 . The Department's Financial Statement received the highest possible opinion of "unmodified."

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the audit as presented.

**Seconded by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry

**Approved:** Unanimously

### **LUNCH BREAK**

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: Workshop - Department's E-PLUS program**

Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife Management Division, presented an update on the new EPLUS rule. This presentation included a brief history of the rule prior to the changes, the reasons for the changes and the anticipated improvements initiated by the new rule. Additional information was presented concerning the implementation of the new rule and improvements that could be incorporated in the future. The previous EPLUS rule had not been opened in its entirety since its inception in 2005.

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: General Public Comments**

### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Closed Executive Session**

**Motion by:** Vice Chairwoman Salazar-Henry moved to adjourn into Executive Session closed to the public; pursuant to 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited personnel matters relating to complaints and discipline; pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss property acquisition; and pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, to discuss matters subject to attorney-client privilege relating to threatened or pending litigation.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Lopez

**Roll Call Vote – Approved:** Unanimously; Chairwoman Salazar Hickey, Vice Chairwoman

Salazar-Henry, Commissioner Cramer, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Soules,  
Commissioner Vesbach, Commissioner Bates.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13: Adjourn at 3:52 PM**

**Motion by:** Commissioner Lopez moved to adjourn.

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Cramer

**Approved:** Unanimously

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