

## A Message from the Director



For more than 120 years, New Mexicans have relied on the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to conserve and protect the state's wildlife and wild places.

The Department remains steadfast in conserving and protecting as we transition to the Department of Wildlife. We are excited to not just carry on that tradition but build upon the legacy of conserving New Mexico's wildlife for future generations.

At the New Mexico Department of Wildlife, we spend hundreds of hours annually surveying wildlife populations and partner with federal and state agencies as well as private landowners to protect and conserve wildlife. We manage hundreds of thousands of acres of land across the state to restore and conserve habitat for both game and non-game species.

We also provide educational programs for conservationists, anglers, hunters and off-highway vehicle users to help ensure public safety. We enforce hunting and fishing regulations to protect New Mexico's wildlife resources so they can be enjoyed by all, whether they're hunters, birders, wildlife watchers or wildlife enthusiasts in general.

This work is just scratching the surface when it comes to the work our hundreds of employees across the state do every day to ensure that New Mexicans can enjoy the Land of Enchantment's diverse wildlife for generations to come. We couldn't do it without your contributions. By buying a hunting or fishing license, a Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV) or a Public Land User Stamp, or even by purchasing equipment such as firearms, ammunition or fishing equipment, you are helping to pay for wildlife and habitat conservation projects across the state.

While the Department of Wildlife now has a new name, our goals remain the same as they have for more than 120 years: conserving New Mexico's wildlife for future generations. We thank you for all you do to help us further that mission.

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**Michael B. Sloane, Director** — New Mexico Department of Wildlife

