

NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION MEETING
SANTA FE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD ROOM
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1 APPEARANCES

- 2 Chairman Paul Kienzle
- 3 Vice Chairman William Montoya
- 4 Game Commissioner Thomas Salopek
- 5 Game Commissioner Robert Ricklefs
- 6 Game Commissioner Ralph Ramos
- 7 Game Commissioner Craig Peterson
- 8 Game Commissioner Chance Chase

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None

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1 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All right. Call this meeting to order. Good morning. Roll call.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Happy New Year to everyone.

3 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Happy New Year.

4 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Happy New Year.

5 Commissioner Chase.

6 COMMISSIONER CHASE: Here.

7 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Salopek.

8 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Present.

9 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Ricklefs.

10 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Here.

11 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Ramos.

12 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Present.

13 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Peterson.

14 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Here.

15 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Vice Chairman Montoya.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Here.

17 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Chairman Kienzle.

18 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Present.

19 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum.

20 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Right on. Thank you. Can you lead us in the Pledge of
21 Allegiance?

22 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Absolutely.

23 COMMISSIONERS: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
24 and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty
25 and justice for all.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Can I get a motion to approve the agenda?

2 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor?

5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it. I'll go first. We'll go around the room and
7 introduce ourselves. Thanks.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,
9 Members of the Public [indiscernible - away from microphone] I'm the Assistant
10 Director to the [indiscernible - away from microphone] for the Department of Game
11 and Fish.

12 TUCKER BROWER: I'm [indiscernible]. My name is Tucker Brower [phonetic], for
13 New Mexico Game and Fish.

14 LANCE CHERRY: Chairman, Commissioners, good morning. I'm Lance Cherry, I'm
15 the Chief of the Information and Education Division for New Mexico Department of
16 Game and Fish.

17 ROBERT GRIEGO: Good morning. I'm Robert Griego, I'm the Colonel of Field
18 Operations [indiscernible – papers being shuffled at microphone].

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [indiscernible - away from microphone] Editor of the
20 Department of Wildlife magazine.

21 KIRK PATTEN: Good morning, Kirk Patten, Chief [indiscernible] for the Department
22 of Game and Fish.

23 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: How'd you get that gig?

24 KIRK PATTEN: Got lucky. [indiscernible].

25 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Got lucky.

1 JOHN CRENSHAW: John Crenshaw, New Mexico Wildlife Federation. Former Chief
2 of I & E, former Director of New Mexico Wildlife [indiscernible].

3 STEWART LILEY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Members of the
4 Public. Stewart Liley, Chief of Wildlife.

5 TY JACKSON: Ty Jackson, I'm the Captain of Field Operations.

6 MICHAEL THOMAS: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. I'm Michael
7 Thomas [indiscernible] attorney for the Department of Game and Fish.

8 MARTIN PEREZ: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Ladies and
9 Gentlemen. I'm Martin Perez [phonetic] videographer for Game and Fish.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, everybody. My name is Jennifer
11 [indiscernible]. I'm the paralegal for the Department.

12 JOSEPH FIANO: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. My name is
13 Joseph Fiano [phonetic] and I'm the Account Auditor for the Department of Game
14 and Fish.

15 IVY VIGO: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. My name is Ivy Vigo
16 [phonetic]. I'm the new Budget Director.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. My
18 name is Paul [indiscernible].

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. My
20 name is Sheila [indiscernible], and I'm Senior Manager of [indiscernible].

21 MICHAEL DAX: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. Michael Dax of
22 Defenders of Wildlife.

23 COLLEEN PAYNE: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. Colleen Payne
24 [phonetic], National Regional Director of [indiscernible].

25 MIKE RULE: Good morning, everyone. I'm Mike Rule [phonetic] [indiscernible].

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. [indiscernible] Game and Fish, Chief of
2 Information Officer.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. Matthew [indiscernible] for Game and
4 Fish [indiscernible].

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [indiscernible - away from microphone].

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. I'm Latisha [phonetic] [indiscernible] I'm
7 Guide and Outfitter Program Manager.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I'm
9 [indiscernible - away from microphone] for the Northwest area.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. My
11 name's Darryl [phonetic] [indiscernible] I'm the Eradication Program Manager
12 [indiscernible].

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, everybody. [indiscernible] I'm the
14 Southern Major for the Field Operations.

15 RAY SANCHEZ: Good morning, Chairman, Commissioners. My name is Ray
16 Sanchez [phonetic]. I'm the Major of Northern Field Operations for the Game and
17 Fish.

18 TRISTANNA BICKFORD: Good morning, Chairman and Commissioners. My name
19 is Tristanna Bickford, I'm the Department's Communications Director.

20 ROSS MORGAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Members of the
21 Public. Ross Morgan, I'm the Public Information Officer for the Department of Game
22 and Fish.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Chairman, Commissions. I'm Sandra
24 [indiscernible]. I'm the Executive Assistant to the Director [indiscernible].

25 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: You're not a guest.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I don't have a label other than attorney. I am counsel.

2 My name is Mary [indiscernible] I'm Assistant Attorney General.

3 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Well, welcome everyone. Good morning. Can I get a motion
4 to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2018 Roswell regular meeting?

5 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: So moved.

6 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor?

8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it. Agenda Item No. 7, Election of Chair and Vice
10 Chair of the State Game Commission.

11 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Mr. Chairman?

12 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Mr. Chairman, in all due respect to our Honorable
14 Governor and her leadership team, I would like to table Agenda Item No. 7, Election
15 of Chair and Vice Chair, in order to allow us transition time to embrace the Governor
16 Grisham's leadership goals and direction with our Game and Fish Commission. I
17 also want to add if this motion fails to do, to a lack of second, with respect, I wish to
18 abstain myself from the action agenda item. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move to
19 table Action Item No. 7.

20 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Director, can we -- can we table this item?

21 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, I believe pursuant to statute 17-1-4 there's a
22 requirement that this Commission meet annually, and elect, at a minimum, a Chair.
23 So this is -- you elected one a year ago, you're due for another election.

24 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Is there any second on the motion, or discussion of the
25 motion that's on the table? Hearing no second, the motion fails. Is there any other

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1 motion anyone wishes to make on Agenda Item No. 7?

2 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to keep you
3 as our Chairman. Paul Kienzle as our Chairman of the Commission. I think he's
4 done an excellent job, professional leadership, and I make a motion for that.

5 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Okay. Second from Commissioner Ricklefs. Any
7 discussion? All in favor?

8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it with one abstention.

10 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I'd also like to make a motion to keep
11 Bill Montoya as our Vice Chairman. I think he's done an excellent job also and I
12 appreciate his experience that he has and all the input that he puts in. So --

13 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any discussion? All in favor?

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it with one abstention. Well, thank you. My
17 tenure may be short-lived, but I'll continue to do the best that I can. Thank you for
18 your confidence in me. I appreciate it. Agenda Item No. 8, Revocations.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This one's short.

20 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Is everybody behaving better?

21 DARRELL COLE: Mr. Chairman, yes, sir.

22 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: That's good news.

23 DARRELL COLE: At this point they are. Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
24 Commissioners. It didn't work, did it? All right. Now we're up and running. So
25 Agenda Item No. 8, Revocations and Suspensions. Today it is very short, we'll only

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1 have one group. Also pursuant to 19.31.2 NMAC we're here to let you know that 28
2 individuals who were suspended for failure to be in compliance with the Parental
3 Responsibility Act, and 19 individuals were suspended for failure to pay a penalty
4 assessment. And for a vote today we have one group, and that's the revocation of
5 11 individuals who received 20 or more violation points in a 30-day period, were sent
6 notices of contemplated action, and did not request a hearing. We'll entertain a
7 motion at this time.

8 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Brevity. I like that. Thank you. Can I get a motion on Group
9 No. 1, please?

10 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Mr. Chairman, I move to accept the recommendation
11 of the Department and revoke all license privileges of those 11 individuals for the
12 length of time recommended.

13 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any discussion on the motion? All in favor?

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it. Do we need action on the Parental
17 Responsibility?

18 DARRELL COLE: No, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Okay. Agenda Item No. 9. Marylou, you're on the mic. Is
20 this the same as last year's resolution?

21 MARYLOU POLI: Yes, Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All right.

23 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Don't let him fool you. What you see on the screen is not
24 what's up there.

25 MARYLOU POLI: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, every year we need to do this. We go

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1 over the reasonable notice for all meetings as required by the Open Meetings Act.
2 Today you're going to adopt a resolution to either continue or amend the practices for
3 reasonable notice of meetings. Your resolution has some other information in it, such
4 as Commissioners attending by phone and closed session. Those topics are not
5 flexible, so we're really just looking at reasonable notice. Ten days for regular, three
6 days for special, 24-hour notice for emergency meetings. The agenda timelines: 72
7 hours for regular and special, 24-hours for emergency. Other than the annual dates
8 on this resolution, there are no proposed changes. So that's -- this screen is really
9 the only changes made are where the purple is, Mr. Chair. And this is your
10 recommended motion.

11 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Okay. I feel like I've done this before. Can I get a motion on
12 our Open Meetings Resolution?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Mr. Chairman, the New Mexico Attorney General's
14 Office recommends the Commission moves to adopt the proposed 2019 Open
15 Meetings Resolution.

16 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any discussion? All in favor?

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it.

20 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Agenda Item No. 10, Future Meeting Schedule and
22 Locations.

23 JAMES COMINS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm here to present some tentative meetings --
24 meeting dates and locations for the upcoming year. I'll give you guys an opportunity
25 to review those and open it up for discussion. Oh, did I forget? [indiscernible]

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1 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Everybody like the dates?

2 JAMES COMINS: I'll give you a chance to review those now. Sorry about that.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I personally like the no meetings. The first screen.

4 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Well, you only have to have one.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, these are still on Thursdays?

6 JAMES COMINS: They are. All the meetings that you see here are scheduled on a
7 Thursday. We also looked at the State Rules Act, and these meeting dates will fit
8 within those parameters laid out in the State Rules Act. And we have the number of
9 rules that will be up for adoption this year, or amendment.

10 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: And that -- you've gamed it out so we can meet those
11 deadlines? The rules that -- bear and cougar, for instance, you've got it gamed out
12 so we can publish and do all that?

13 JAMES COMINS: Mr. Chairman, that's correct.

14 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Mr. Chairman, I don't know what the Commission's
15 thoughts are, but I know we have an outstanding facility in Albuquerque, New
16 Mexico. And we have a meeting room that was built for commission meetings, and I
17 see that we're only gonna utilize that one time. I feel that in order to utilize our tax
18 payer's buildings, to the fullest, I'd like to see if we can maybe amend those -- a
19 couple of those locations to that facility. It seems to be a central location for
20 everyone, but I know there's commissioners throughout the whole state. And I'd like
21 to entertain a discussion on that.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My -- Mr. Chairman, you know, you look at the
23 schedule, I'm not gonna disagree with Ralph, I think that's why we built that. But you
24 start looking at where us commissioners are from, and I think it covers all of our
25 cities. For this year I would think it's set. But I would hope that next year -- agreeing

1 with Commissioner Ramos, that maybe two or three can be in Albuquerque next
2 year. I, personally, like this where we haven't been to Farmington in a while. And
3 Cloudcroft's interesting, I've never been there, as far as meeting. I'd like to see it
4 stay the same this year. With what Commissioner Ramos said, next year maybe two
5 or three of the meetings in Albuquerque.

6 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Is the Roswell office gonna be done by then? It should
7 be, right?

8 JAMES COMINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, it will be. It should be done
9 mid-April, actually.

10 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Okay. And I was just, kind of, I know we had talked
11 about that when we first, you know, had our meeting there the last time we were
12 there. Commissioners from Farmington and Roswell, what are your thoughts on all
13 this?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, I don't mind driving to Roswell, if he doesn't mind
15 driving to Farmington. And if we have a special meaning, I think we could utilize
16 Albuquerque for those special meetings.

17 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Right. Great point.

18 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: That's a good point.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I really don't mind driving. I like seeing the different
20 towns, too.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I do, too.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman?

23 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yeah?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I agree with you, but aren't we required to visit the rest
25 of the state in a certain amount of time?

1 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I'd love to have them in Albuquerque, because it's across the
2 street from me. But I would gently suggest that as a courtesy to the other people that
3 we serve in the state --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Absolutely.

5 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: -- we might continue to wheel around. Because sometimes,
6 it's the only opportunity people get to come to a meeting. We haven't traditionally
7 opened these up to video or teleconference, you know, allowing a different mode of
8 participation by the public. And so maybe this is the only opportunity to put our pretty
9 faces in front of the public. And sometimes, it's never by design, but sometimes the
10 issue that's of importance to that community is actually on an agenda, and
11 sometimes we get either in that community or within that. So it's a balancing act. I'm
12 not saying you're wrong, it's just, you know, want to do right by the public as well.
13 Some people love Albuquerque, some people hate it. Some people would prefer to
14 be out in some of the rural communities as well.

15 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: And I respect everyone on that. I do like the way you
16 did distribute the locations this year. I think it's a great combination on that. Also
17 looking at weather and things like that, with the snow and, you know, also the warm
18 weather in the summer. Angel Fire, Farmington, Cloudcroft -- I do like the locations,
19 it's just to maximize the usage of the building, I thought I'd just throw that out there.
20 But I appreciate the input.

21 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: We can add a meeting in July in Albuquerque if you want.
22 Instead of going dark.

23 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, I would point out that I think we'll be doing a
24 great deal of education and public meetings at the Albuquerque and the Roswell
25 office over the course of the next year.

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1 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Well, let's -- I like this. I like it. And I agree with
2 Commissioner Peterson, special meetings can surely be in that area. Personally, I
3 was sure hoping there'd be on in Columbus. I've never been there. Are you gonna
4 be working on the border wall? Cause that's where -- right where it's at.

5 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Some nice sandstorms.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman. Jim, I see that all dates are on Thursday.
8 Sorry I asked the question. I didn't read far enough.

9 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any further discussion? Can I get a motion on this item,
10 please?

11 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: What is the motion?

12 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I think you just move to adopt the meeting schedule on
13 location.

14 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: I'll move to adopt the meeting schedule for the year
15 2019.

16 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Second.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: January –

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [indiscernible] 2020.

19 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: As listed?

20 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: As listed. As listed.

21 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any further discussion? All in favor?

23 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it.

25 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: The Agenda Item I have been waiting for. No. 11, Fiscal Year

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1 2018 Department Audit Results and Review. Do we get a passing grade?

2 SHEILA HERRERA: [indiscernible]. Or you do.

3 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All right. Thank you.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Commissions. Agenda
5 Item 11 is Fiscal Year 2018 Department Audit Results and Review. Seated here with
6 me today is Sheila Herrera from Moss Adams, and she will briefly go over the 2018
7 Department's financial audit.

8 SHEILA HERRERA: Good morning. In accordance with the State Audit Rule, we're
9 required – the independent auditor is required to present the issued financial
10 statements to the Commission. And so the State Auditor has approved the financial
11 statements that you have in front of you and has released them in accordance with
12 the Open Meetings Act. You are required to approve them. There are a few things
13 to note. The opinion itself is considered an unmodified clean opinion. There was no
14 significant issues required to report. We did have two findings included in the
15 financial statements. If you look in the back, starting on Page 59, we have one
16 significant deficiency related to suspension and debarment. That has since been
17 corrected by the department. And then the second one is related to a mileage rate
18 that was being used for their federal funding, and that has also been corrected.
19 The financial statements themselves, we did not have any adjustments that were
20 required to be submitted to the Department of Finance and Authority, and we did not
21 have any other material adjustments or other material matters that we have to report.
22 Are there any questions?

23 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: So did we get the highest grade you could, if that's
24 what you call it?

25 SHEILA HERRERA: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Just wanted to make a point of it. Thank you.

2 SHEILA HERRERA: Yes, I'd like to thank everyone. Everyone is really very
3 responsive. and does a great job here.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, I believe this requires a motion?

5 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yeah. Any further discussion? Can I get a motion on this
6 item?

7 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Mr. Chairman, I move to approve the Department's audit
8 report for fiscal year 2018.

9 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor?

11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it. Good work.

13 SHEILA HERRERA: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Very good work. Congratulations.

15 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Agenda Item No. 12, Department's 2018 Accomplishments.

16 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, they'll be several of us sitting
17 before you today to discuss the 2018 accomplishments in the Department. And I get
18 the pleasure of talking about the Information and Education Division to start off with.
19 2018 was a good year for us. And -- beginning first with the Department's education
20 programs, starting with Hunter Education. The Department continued to expand
21 services to New Mexico's future hunters and anglers. And provided additional
22 educational opportunities to help students in New Mexico safely participate in the
23 hunting and shooting sports. This year we had over 160 programs and certified
24 nearly 4,000 new hunters in New Mexico. The Hunter Ed Program continued to offer
25 traditional field day, live fire classes, we have online courses, we did camps, we

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1 offered afterschool programs. This year's camps were held in Carlsbad, Memrise
2 [phonetic], Chimayo [phonetic] , Morta [phonetic], Sacramento, and Cimarron.
3 Our online courses have expanded. The Department now offers Calcumas
4 [phonetic] huntereducation.com, a Fresh Air Educators course, and a free NRA
5 online course as well. Provides a variety of options for students to be successful
6 within our program.

7 New schools that were added this year to our afterschool programs included
8 Moriarty Edgewood Schools, Red Mountain Middle School in Deming, Chavez
9 County Public Schools, and Artesia Public Schools, Camino Real in Las Cruces,
10 Hatch Valley Public Schools, Mesa Alta Middle School in Bloomfield, as well.

11 The Department's Hunter Ed Program also completed the new program for Hunter
12 Education Camp Masters. That allows our volunteers an opportunity to take the lead
13 on some of our hunter education and hunting camps around the state and provides
14 them the training that they had desired for at least the past year, to get them the skill
15 set necessary to feel comfortable in that environment.

16 The Department's Responsible Hunter Program also continues to grow,
17 providing New Mexico's hunters and shooting sports enthusiasts advanced hunter
18 education training. In those programs we teach the fundamentals of outdoor skills,
19 such as: orienteering, wildlife identification, hunting, and environmental ethics. We
20 teach hunting skills, tracking, game calling, care of game, and game habitat
21 management within those courses. This year, we did countless hunting camps. We
22 also completed the Youth Hunter Ed Challenge, which was an absolutely wonderful
23 event again this year; continues to grow and continues to be a positive program for
24 the Department.

25 We did the Northern New Mexico Clay Target Challenge, and the youth

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1 shotgun teams continue to get financial support from the Department through this
2 program. This program is also the program that has been responsible and charged
3 with developing new shooting ranges in New Mexico. And three of those ranges,
4 which we'll talk about a little bit later today that are on tap and working in progress,
5 are Clayton, Albuquerque, and Clovis, as you might all know.

6 The Department's Archery Program continues to be the fastest growing mass
7 program in the West. This past year, our program reached more than 28,000
8 students. At the state tournament, we had more than 800 archers compete. And the
9 program also offers bow hunter education, summer camps, and advance archery
10 skills education. All of which were courses that we offered throughout the year.
11 One of the big accomplishments during the course of this year, that I'm really proud
12 of, was the program's partnership that was with the Veterans Administration
13 Leadership Program. They held the Golden Age Games in Albuquerque this past
14 year and we had more than 1,000 senior military veteran athletes compete from
15 across the nation. They compete in a variety of sports, and the Department took the
16 lead on the archery program side of that competition.

17 And aquatic education continues to be a standout program. With that one, we
18 had offered more than 243 fishing skills camps, fly fishing workshops. We also
19 provide the Trout in the Classroom, where native trout are grown -- I'm gonna step
20 back a minute -- a Native Trout Program as well, and water quality monitoring and
21 after-school programs. The Trout in the Classroom Program this year was picked up
22 by 18 schools, and we worked with 819 students that raised rainbow trout, grew them
23 up to fry, and released them into public waters.

24 This year we also participated with Albuquerque Public Schools on a huge
25 summer program. We taught more than 50 teachers how to deliver aquatic

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1 education at that program. We were hand-in-hand with them throughout it, and we
2 had more than 650 K-8 students attend that particular event, which led up to fishing
3 at Tingley Beach for eight consecutive days.

4 We also helped the Heart Gallery Program, which is with CYFD, conduct an
5 adoption event. We provided an outlet for them to fish with prospective kids that they
6 would be adopting. There were more than 65 kids at that event, and 130 adults, and
7 that was held with the Pecos National Historical Park.

8 We continued to do advanced workshops, classroom presentations, wildlife
9 [indiscernible], bioblitz weekends, birdwatching tours, habitat programs, and herp
10 programs as well. And then, of course, we also participated at the Festival of the
11 Cranes.

12 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: What's a bioblitz?

13 LANCE CHERRY: A bioblitz is a weekend, typically runs over the course of a
14 weekend, and we bring out professionals and citizen scientists -- that's a nice way of
15 saying public who's interested in science, and we come out and inventory a property.
16 We will do bird counts, and herp counts, and mammal counts, and look at the habitat
17 that surrounds it. We had a very successful event on that front at Mesilla Valley this
18 year.

19 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So how big an area do you cover in weekend?

20 LANCE CHERRY: It just depends on the property that we targeted. So for Mesilla
21 Valley, we covered the entire property, so hundreds of acres. And, like I said, it just
22 really depends on the location that we select when we conduct those.

23 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: What's the work product that comes out of that?

24 LANCE CHERRY: So the end product out of a weekend like that is, literally, a good
25 inventory of the wildlife and habitat that exists within a property area.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So do you write a report, or what's the --

2 LANCE CHERRY: We do, Mr. Chairman. We do publish reports when those things
3 are completed.

4 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: And then pictures?

5 LANCE CHERRY: Oh, Mr. Chairman, lots of pictures.

6 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I can understand the pictures. I may not under -- be able to
7 read the report. But I can get the pictures.

8 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, there's also a huge learning component in all
9 of this. So all of the things that are collected, there're a bunch of kids there that get
10 introduced to what is a species, what is a [indiscernible] --

11 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Does that information make it into our CHAT, CHAT tool? Or
12 is it provided or input into that?

13 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, we -- when we conduct those events, we do
14 spread that all over social media. We post that stuff in particular to our education
15 sites.

16 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I'm sorry. CHAT tool, the Critical Habitat something,
17 something; C-H-A-T.

18 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, I'm not completely sure if it does or does not.

19 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Maybe it doesn't. Okay. I was just curious. Thank you. I
20 monopolized all your time.

21 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Mr. Chairman, can I go and interject on this before I
22 think you're gonna move into, kind of, a different subject here with the off-highway
23 vehicle. But I do want to just commend the department on the growth that we've
24 done and the progress that we've shown. I think we're the type that we put a
25 program out there, we reflect, and we have to maybe do some rapid resets to make

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1 things bigger and better. And I think as we reflect on what we've already
2 accomplished, we have some good programs going. In fact ,I definitely want to
3 mention that this semester, starting last Monday, we're making history in Las Cruces
4 where we have Hunter Education actually being taught in the public schools, as part
5 of the course curriculum. And the reason why I bring that up, not only because it's at
6 my school, but I really want to challenge the department -- I think right now is the
7 perfect time to bridge and articulate and bridge that gap to really reach out to the
8 Department of Education now with Governor Grisham and her education staff to
9 really be open minded to possibly -- I would like to see our department come up with
10 a curriculum that's aligned to middle school objectives, as well as high school
11 courses that can be implemented into either a PE or a science class, or possibly
12 even a FFA chapter, you know, type of curriculum that really embeds hunter
13 education, aquaculture, natural resources, habitat, and as well as the hunter sports
14 that we offer.

15 But I think now's the time to really step it up a little bit more, get some course
16 codes out there that principals could implement into their master schedule building,
17 which would make it easier for them to be able to justify through superintendents of
18 different levels and philosophies. Whether they want to allow hunter education in the
19 public schools or not, it's safe to do that. With online going on, as well as in the
20 classroom instruction, and working those two together, I think we have a lot of kids
21 out there that have a -- they have to find their niche. And I think one thing that we
22 really need to explore is all the different career opportunities that I see in this room
23 that really have to be showcased and marketed to students to set those goals, and
24 market our own toil to bring in more employees.

25 So, I think, we're moving forward. I think it's a celebration at this point where

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1 we're at. But I think we have a long way to go, and I'd love to be part of that
2 opportunity to help us grow, to, you know, make New Mexico stronger and better.
3 You know, it was really disappointing this morning when I saw the Albuquerque news
4 and they were saying, again, New Mexico is the worst place to raise a family. And I
5 think these are the things with our traditions that we have, and our opportunities that
6 we have in New Mexico, let's make it grow and foster.

7 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, I concur on so much of
8 that. And so we are continuing to work on these programs to grow and reach those
9 new audiences and expand. And we're excited about the direction we're headed.

10 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: And one last thing is, and I don't know what your goals
11 are with that, Lance, but I'd like for you to possibly share those with me at one point.
12 If I can definitely get involved with either committee work, and I don't know how you --
13 your distributive leadership within your department and getting all your employees
14 involved to really reflect on all the different models that are out there in the country, to
15 really make this thing go forward. I know we've had this conversation, probably my
16 same comments I did a year ago, but I really want it to move forward and get some
17 momentum.

18 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, so noted.

19 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Thank you.

20 LANCE CHERRY: Now we'll move on to the Off-Highway Vehicle Program. As you
21 know, the program this past year has focused heavily on education, offering both free
22 online courses and hands-on off-highway vehicle training. This is the program that
23 provides a safety permit required for public land use and paved road operation of
24 OHV's. This past year, our program conducted more than a dozen classes to law
25 enforcement and fire departments and certified more than 350 new students and

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1 officers. They provided more than 20 hands-on OHV courses, certified over 170
2 students, and they also certified more than 335 students through the online course
3 option as well.

4 The program attended more than 27 outreach events statewide, and two of the
5 most significant projects and outcomes from that program this year include the BLM
6 Glade Run Recreation Area, where the department put \$600,000 in capital outlay to
7 improve, develop, the OHV staging area, training areas, create a tot lot for training,
8 set up skills courses, maintain the trail system, built 10 camping sites, improved
9 access, and built an actual entrance where you can find this location very easily. It's
10 a project that has garnered national attention and is an absolute first-rate OHV
11 experience out there. And if you haven't had an opportunity to see it, I highly
12 encourage it.

13 The second part is that we've begun work with the Manzanita Mountain Trail
14 System. It's a \$200,000 project that's on track to be completed this next year. And
15 what it'll do is also expand the trail system that's there, particularly a 12-mile stretch
16 of OHV trails that needed some minor restoration work and adding some concrete
17 and dealing some erosion issues as well. It's a project that a lot of the OHV
18 community has really been excited about.

19 And then the final big thing that occurred within the OHV Program this year is
20 that we're one of the first states to get our Safety Sam, which is a robotic OHV robot
21 that we're able to take into the classroom and it's completely geared up with a head
22 set, so a live person actually stands behind it. Safety Sam can roll around the
23 classroom, talk about OHV, teach students and families how to safely operate OHV's.
24 It's a really cool tool, and now having that in our hands is going to allow us some new
25 opportunities to get out in front of publics that haven't really been open to having us

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1 out there yet.

2 On the information front, the department has done quite a bit. This past year
3 we did over 200 targeted messages, dumped out more than 87 press releases that
4 promoted the initiatives and activities of the department. We reached out to more
5 than 337,984 -- which isn't more than, that's an exact number -- media outlets that we
6 reach with our messages this year. We also reach countless partners and customers
7 through our message.

8 The department also produced and printed more than 800,000 publications,
9 hard copies of publications this year, which included 516,000 rules and information
10 books. It's always a feat in itself to get those things out. And what's really quite
11 interesting about that is that our customer base, honestly, downloads the electronic
12 version far more than the printed copy, and that's not to say that we're at a spot to
13 reduce printed copies, drastically, because those go out the door as well. It just says
14 that we get that information out in a lot of people's hands in this state.

15 The department also had the 2018 Governor's Special Hunt Auction. This was
16 a great event that was running conjunction with the outdoor show. We had over
17 500,000 -- or 5,000 -- attendees to that show, and we raised over \$207,000. It's
18 always a great way to kick off the year and, of course, those always start off usually
19 here in February, and we have the next one coming up. And again, it'll be another
20 great way to kick off 2019 for the department and for I & E.

21 The department also attended countless fairs and expos, and special events,
22 and just about everywhere across the state that something was going on, our people
23 were showing up and participating. We hosted that Mesilla Valley bioblitz as I
24 described, and that was incredibly successful for us. And then it was -- we pushed
25 out thousands and thousands of messages across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and

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1 YouTube this year, and continue to grow our follower base at about a 10 percent rate
2 each year.

3 And then the last thing, I'm gonna cough up to you guys here on this one, is
4 our wildlife magazine. We dropped a copy off in front of each of you guys. I'm really
5 excited that that is back in the hopper for us this year. The -- this year's feature, now
6 that it's back out in print, contains news, hunting, fishing tips, stories on the Rocky
7 Mountain bighorn sheep survey, habitat, wetlands, waterfowl hunting opportunities, a
8 story about kowadis [phonetic], burrowing houses, it's just packed full of tons and
9 tons of information, and lots of stories. If you're not interested in one story, I'm quite
10 certain you'll be interested in another. We push out over 300,000 copies of that
11 magazine state-wide, and we have a readership of roughly 1.2 million each year for
12 this product.

13 And then it just kind of fell out a line on me, so I apologize for that. But on our
14 volunteer program I just wanted to report at this point we have grown the program to
15 over 1,000 certified volunteers. The department's online system is up and fully
16 functional. We are starting to see an increase in the number of people expressing
17 interest in registering to get involved with the department. And so in the coming year,
18 we'll be focusing a lot of attention on tapping that resource and utilizing them in a
19 very powerful way for the department on countless projects across all divisions.

20 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Question? What is the date for the Governor's
21 auction? February?

22 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, I believe the banquet is scheduled for
23 February 16th.

24 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ricklefs, and Director Sloane, that
25 is correct. It will be held on the 16th of February.

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1 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: And could I ask -- there was a trail system, Manzanita
2 -- where is that? What is that?

3 LANCE CHERRY: The Manzanita Trail System is located, basically, in the Manzano
4 Mountains, Sandia Mountain Range, very close to Albuquerque.

5 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Chairman. Lance, just one other -- how frequent are we
7 utilizing the Facebook. Is it happening daily? Instagram? Are we taking advantage
8 of that? Because it doesn't seem as they're happening daily. And I think you all are
9 doing a whole lot more where there should be action happening, and that's what
10 keeps people coming back every day. And maybe we can join it with Instagram,
11 doing it through both, and then YouTube, tying it into that. But I think daily
12 happenings is what keeps people coming back, you know? And then, of course,
13 video and pictures, you know, consistently with that.

14 LANCE CHERRY: So Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, the department does
15 post daily across those social medias, and if you're not seeing them on a daily basis,
16 I would be the first to tell you you're being victimized by Facebook's horrible
17 algorithm. I encourage you to hit our Facebook page at least every now and then so
18 that that algorithm sees that it's highly interesting content to you and will continue to
19 feed that in your post. If you go static for a period of time, it'll only show that to you
20 sporadically.

21 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Possibly that's what happening. And do some of these,
22 like, articles that are in here, are they being posted where people can see it?

23 LANCE CHERRY : Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, absolutely. Not only do
24 we cross-post those across social media, we actually have a micro site within the
25 Department's website. And that micro site is this magazine publication,

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1 electronically, through and through. So each story has its own page, has dynamic
2 content, it allows search function that you just don't get in printed copy these days.
3 And there's just a tremendous amount of content that's available going back to
4 several years ago when we first published that. And so, you know, I'd encourage you
5 to hit that magazine site, micro site, as well.

6 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Appreciate it. Thank you and good job.

7 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, Lance, I just want to commend the
8 department for all they've done, especially on that Glade Run. I mean, that's my
9 backyard and a lot of people use that, we get people from all over the country in
10 there to use it, and it's a first-class facility. So I just want to commend for all the work
11 you've done on that.

12 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Peterson, I appreciate that.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Mr. Chairman?

14 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes, sir.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Lance, I've gotta ask you. On Page 9 of this thing
16 you've got a humongous desert sheep in the lower right corner. Don't tell me where
17 it's at, but that's in New Mexico?

18 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Montoya, absolutely.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: You can tell me after the meeting where it's at. But --

20 LANCE CHERRY: And you'll actually get a good chuckle out of how we captured
21 that image so close. It's a good story in itself.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All right. Any --

24 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: I think that's the one we released over in Unit 34.

25 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any other questions or comments on this one? Okay. Good

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1 job, thank you. Agenda Item No. 13, Update on Development of Shooting Ranges in
2 New Mexico.

3 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry to let you know that we have several
4 more divisions to go through there.

5 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Oh. I'm sorry.

6 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Should be a little quicker, but we want to make sure you
7 understand what we've done.

8 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I jumped the gun. I jumped the guns, so to speak.

9 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Good try, Mr. Chairman.

10 ROBERT GRIEGO: Well, I think I'll start with -- Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I'd like
11 to take this opportunity to thank Director Sloane and the Commission. I've been the
12 Colonel of Field Operations for over six years now, and this is the first opportunity
13 we've received to actually present our accomplishments and statistics to the
14 Commission, so I do thank you for that.

15 I'll start with this year in Field Operations in 2018, started the year with
16 Corporal Tyson Sanders was the recipient of our 2018 Shikar Safari Officer of the
17 Year -- Wildlife Officer of the Year Award. This is our most prestigious award in New
18 Mexico for law enforcement. It's a national award. To receive this award you have to
19 be a highly dedicated individual that shines in all aspects as a conservation officer, to
20 include public relations, wildlife management, extreme knowledge of hunting, fishing,
21 and trapping, and as well as having an effective law enforcement presence. To be
22 an effective conservation officer, it's got to be a lifestyle, not just a job. And it takes
23 some significant support from the families to do that. As you can see, Corporal
24 Tyson Sanders' family is very supportive, and because of that, he succeeds. Just as
25 a side note to that, his wife, Jessica, also received New Mexico Top Teacher of the

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1 Year Award. So that family is, obviously, doing something right; pretty good family.

2 I'll start with Southeast area education, outreach, and community involvement.

3 The Southeast area field operations, just field operation officers, organized
4 approximately 88 public outreach and education events that reached over 13,000
5 individuals in the field. The Southeast area, as a whole, participated in 118 public
6 events, that were either put on by the department, other divisions, or other
7 organizations. Some of those big outreach events are listed.

8 One good one, that Fifth Annual Youth 3D Shoot is a shoot -- 3D shoot -- that
9 was initiated by a game warden in Ruidoso. He did it with his -- on his own time and
10 started it, and that developed. It started getting so big that we jumped on board as
11 field ops, and actually purchased that officer some 3D targets, so he could continue
12 with that endeavor. He gets a lot of donations and he's actually getting hundreds of
13 participants at that 3D shoot now. It's been a very successful event.

14 Another event that's been pretty successful across the state that the
15 Southeast has been doing annually, is the Shop with a Hero event. That's where
16 less-fortunate kids get to go shopping with a law enforcement officer, and they've
17 been highly involved in that. It's been a fantastic program.

18 In the Southwest, we had a conservation officer develop a turkey hunt, in
19 which they took 9 or 10 kids that were accompanied by one parent. None of the
20 participants had ever been turkey hunting before, and they took them turkey hunting
21 for two and half days. Unfortunately, no turkeys were harmed. But they had a great
22 time, learned how to call turkeys, learned about habitat, learned about the frustration
23 of what the wind does to a turkey hunt. But they had a great time. We camped with
24 them, we fed them, it was a fantastic hunt and we had some prizes and gadgets
25 donated by Cabela's and Sportsman's Warehouse for the for those kids. All of the

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1 parents reached out to us and said that they will, without a doubt, continue to take
2 their kids turkey hunting. So it was a fantastic event.

3 Also in the Southwest, T or C has what they call a Fun Day. There was 200
4 participants in T or C that received information from the department on mass wildlife
5 conservation and firearms safety. We had the pellet-gun trailer there, obviously
6 some 3D targets, some wildlife identification. The Southwest area, in general,
7 participated in 127 public outreach events in 2018.

8 In the Northwest area, they participated in 115 public events throughout the
9 Northwest. Some of the big ones were the San Juan County Kids Fishing Clinic, the
10 youth turkey hunts, the Bernardo Youth Pheasant Hunt, to which for that Bernardo
11 Youth Turkey Hunt, our Conservation Officers' Association purchases all the
12 pheasants for that hunt, to put that hunt on at our Bernardo Wildlife Area. It's a
13 fantastic hunt that we're involved in.

14 In the Northeast area, they participated in 73 public outreach events. Many of
15 the big ones are listed below. And Field Ops, as a whole, participated in 433
16 conservation education events or presentations in 2018. So it takes a significant
17 portion of a conservation officer's year where they're highly involved in all this
18 education and public outreach. All of the officers highly enjoy getting around those
19 kids, and teaching them what they know, answering their questions.

20 This year we had some pretty unique situations that dealt with rogue wildlife or
21 rogue animals being around our wildlife. Recently, we got a call that there was 17
22 goats found on the Caballo Mountains amongst our desert bighorn sheep. Our
23 officers immediately responded to the area. They found the goats, and we gave it
24 the name of Operation Goat Rope. And it got dark on them the first day, and they
25 went back in early with a trailer and they were able to gather up the 17 goats and get

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1 them trailered. And as they hauled them back off the mountain, held them at
2 Sergeant Van Landingham's [phonetic] house for a couple days, he found out quickly
3 why they were so hard to keep in a pen. They were pretty good escape artists. So
4 he was actually having to feed them every couple hours just to keep them enticed to
5 staying in the pen. They were able to track down the owner. And the owner had lost
6 those goats about two months earlier. There was 27 when they started, and those
7 goats had traveled approximately 30 miles to where they were found by our officers.
8 We did talk to the owner and educated them on the importance of maintaining those
9 goats in the pen, and the concerns with disease with our bighorn sheep. And they
10 understood, they were pretty good folks about it. But it was a pretty good story
11 anyways.

12 Then a few weeks after that we had got a call about bighorn sheep near the
13 Dry Cimarron that was intermingling with a bunch of cattle. He's a young ram, and
14 he was actually chasing those heifers pretty good. He would not leave them -- would
15 not leave them alone. We tried hazing him for a while, that was not working. So
16 finally our officers went in there and darted the ram, in the wind, with a pretty long
17 shot, and were able to get him removed. And we worked in conjunction with WMD
18 on that one to get that ram moved and relocated.

19 And the last one of that, probably, two- or three-week period, we had one of
20 our officers receive a call -- if you look at that picture in the top left-hand corner, that's
21 obviously a pretty decent ibex. And that ibex was found in the middle of the San
22 Andreas on White Sands Missile Range. Again, amongst our bighorn sheep. We
23 had, obviously, a concern with that so we did go in there and lethally remove that
24 ibex, but it was not anywhere near as easy as it initially planned out. That officer, in
25 the snow and fog, ended up having to make approximately a 600-yard shot on that.

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1 And he was patting himself on the back pretty good, but it got dark on him. So he
2 went in the next day to retrieve his dead ibex, with his 600-yard shot, just to find that
3 it was still alive. He did not pack a rifle up the second time. So all he had was his
4 duty handgun at that point. Needless to say he did get it. Where that goat ended up
5 was on a sheer face with -- that was approximately about 200-foot fall. Our officer,
6 Captain Mike Matthews [phonetic] is afraid of heights, and he still managed to get up
7 there and retrieve that ibex. And we took it to get tested to see if there's any disease
8 factor with that.

9 I will say on all of these cases, this was very short notice to our officers, but
10 they all -- they came through and accomplished the task flawlessly. With our law
11 enforcement effort, we made -- our officers made some great cases throughout the
12 year that involved the illegal taking of our wildlife resource. Our officers last year
13 made approximately 68,500 hunter, angler, and trapper checks in 2018. They served
14 approximately 44 search warrants and 49 arrest warrants. And they spent
15 approximately 47,000 hours in the field patrolling. So when you combine that with
16 our public outreach, they're pretty busy guys and gals.

17 Some of those pictures there, if you look at the one in the middle, that was a
18 good case. During the holiday season, we had some oilfield workers that were living
19 on a well pad that had -- we got report that they had killed a couple deer. The
20 officers went in there, under a thorough investigation, and found out they had actually
21 killed two or three deer and buried the remains there at the well pad. And they were
22 able to get those uncovered and make a pretty good prosecution on that case.

23 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Were those people from out of town? Or were they --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Out-of-state?

25 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: -- out of state?

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1 ROBERT GRIEGO: They were residents of Texas, but they were working in the oil
2 field in New Mexico.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Texas.

4 ROBERT GRIEGO: So in 2018, Field Operations performed 196 special operations.
5 Special operations are your saturation patrols, your night patrols, airplanes, special
6 patrols such as that. We also performed 76 artificial wildlife operations, which are
7 decoy operations. We had also 45 roadblocks that were used across the state.

8 This case, the pictures you see below, are in the Northeast area. We had a
9 concerned citizen send a picture to one of our officers that he saw on Instagram. He
10 felt that there was something fishy about that. That individual in that case, that officer
11 -- if you notice that -- that mesa in the background, that officer recognized that area.
12 He went to the location and photographed it, and found out that that's in GMU 42,
13 and at that time there was not a deer hunt going on in that unit. So he was able to
14 take that information, find the suspect, do a thorough investigation and interview, and
15 got a full confession, and made a pretty good case out of that one.

16 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: They make it so easy for you sometimes, don't they?

17 ROBERT GRIEGO: Sometimes, it's nice.

18 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Is unbelievable, so --

19 ROBERT GRIEGO: Pretty nice to have a landmark like that.

20 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: So our game wardens are now certified to run a
22 backhoe to look for evidence?

23 ROBERT GRIEGO: Yeah.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Unbelievable.

25 ROBERT GRIEGO: Through our Operation Game Thief Program in 2018, we

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1 received approximately 177 Operation Game Thief reports. Of those 177 reports, 53
2 crimes were discovered. And when a crime is discovered, our conviction rate is over
3 80 percent with those OGT's, when we discover a crime.

4 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Is there an award for those OGT?

5 ROBERT GRIEGO: Mr. Chairman, that is correct. There are rewards and this year,
6 so far, our first time in a long time, that so far, our fines are larger than the amount of
7 reward money we're putting out. Usually it's the converse. We're paying more
8 reward money than we're getting in fines for all those cases. So right now, as of right
9 now, they're being fined a little bit more than we're having to pay out.

10 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Bobby, where does that money come from, the
11 Operation Game Thief money?

12 ROBERT GRIEGO: Operation Game Thief money is all donations by our citizens that
13 donate to the program. There is no sportsmen's dollars, or tax dollars that go to that,
14 it's all donation.

15 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: And how is that looking?

16 ROBERT GRIEGO: It's good. We're continuing -- Captain Jackson is doing a real
17 good job about outreach, and we're trying to get more citizens involved with the
18 program. A lot of people would be highly interested in it, some just don't know about
19 it. So we are doing some outreach to get citizens involved and know about the
20 program and know that it's tax-deductible to donate to us. We've -- in the last few
21 years, we've gotten fortunate, and had some significant donations in the thousands of
22 dollars that have helped.

23 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Bobby, and maybe that's where we need to also bring
24 that up at our auction that we have coming up in February. And maybe, Lance, we
25 can market that a little bit more on Facebook, or what not. See what we can do to

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1 bring in more revenue on that.

2 ROBERT GRIEGO: We can pass around the tip jar.

3 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Good. And I think with what you're showing here, that it
4 does work. You know, and advertising that would be great.

5 ROBERT GRIEGO: Absolutely.

6 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Question, Bobby. When somebody turns somebody
7 in, when do they get their money? After the conviction? Through the courts? Or
8 how does it work?

9 ROBERT GRIEGO: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Salopek, they receive a reward if
10 we file charges.

11 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Okay.

12 ROBERT GRIEGO: So once we file those charges. We know we've got enough
13 probable cause to go to forward with charges, they receive a reward.

14 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Thank you.

15 ROBERT GRIEGO: Those two pictures you see below are both two separate
16 Operation Game Thief reports. Both of those deer were killed with rifles during an
17 archery season. Actually the one on the left was killed the day before archery
18 season opened. But both of those were OGT reports in the Southwest and both of
19 those cases were solved and prosecuted.

20 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: All for the big buck.

21 ROBERT GRIEGO: A significant portion of our conservation officer's job is also
22 public safety. Recently, with the last couple big storms that we had hit northern New
23 Mexico, and central New Mexico, our officers were out assisting State Police with
24 several, really there was several hundred stranded motorists, but we had our officers
25 that were assisting motorists that were stranded for over eight hours in single-digit

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1 temperatures with their families. It was a pretty significant issue. Our officers were
2 trying to help with crashes, they were trying to push people out of snowbanks, and
3 get people warmed up during that whole -- two storms. There were two or three
4 fatalities during those two or three storms. State police had two or three of their
5 marked units that were running too and crashed. Fortunately, our officers and their
6 four-wheel drives were able to get far enough off the road when they assisted, that
7 we didn't have that issue. But that post on the right is from State Police Public Affairs
8 that was just thanking our officers for being out there on short notice, with their four-
9 wheel-drives. So it was pretty significant.

10 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Officer -- I'm sorry Colonel Griego, Officer Jason Klein
11 also gave mouth-to-mouth to someone out there in the Lincoln as well, can you talk
12 about that?

13 ROBERT GRIEGO: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, yes, Sergeant Klein
14 [phonetic], unfortunately this year, has had two cases where he's having to give CPR
15 to individuals out in the field for significant amounts of time. You know, 30-45
16 minutes, which is pretty taxing on an individual. It's pretty taxing on the officer to be
17 in that situation and have someone not make it in front of you. But he has had a
18 couple of those this year. But unfortunately, in both of those instances, it didn't pan
19 out. But he dang sure -- it wasn't from lack of effort.

20 Also with these winter storms I'm sure some of y'all saw on Facebook, social
21 media, we had some hunters -- a family out of Carlsbad -- that were stranded. They
22 assumed lost for three or four days, and our officers were instrumental when they
23 were found on going in on a snowcat and retrieving that family and getting them to
24 safety also.

25 Some more public safety. Our officers were instrumental, also, this summer

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1 with the wildfires in providing security, roadblocks, and evacuations for many of the
2 citizens throughout the state where we had those large fires. The pictures on top
3 where we were on roadblocks, the picture on the bottom was there in Farmington as
4 they were getting water, and we were providing security, keeping people off the water
5 as they retrieved water to fight those fires.

6 Unfortunately, in 2018 we also had three bear attacks. Our Field Ops started -
7 - or the department started a Wildlife Attack Response Team in 2015. We had all the
8 officers trained in wildlife attack response. And then of those, we picked 10 officers
9 that were highly dedicated to evidence collection, thoroughness, and the ability to
10 track and get into this backcountry and we sent them off for additional training to
11 assist on these wildlife attacks. So we did have, like I said, those three. One of the
12 bears -- one of the attacks, we didn't receive information 'till late. We went to the
13 scene and processed it, but we were unable to locate that bear. The other two we
14 were able to locate and make positive DNA matches to know that we got the specific
15 offending bear.

16 We had one case in Cloudcroft this year, in the Sacramento Mountains, where
17 an individual was attacked. He was feeding several hundred pounds of corn, dog
18 food, and cat food over time. And with trail cameras we were able to identify 17
19 different bears that were coming onto his property. We did have to lethally remove
20 some bears but through DNA tests, we did lethally remove the offending bear that
21 attacked him in that case. And as of yesterday, that case was completed, and that
22 individual pled guilty to creating a wildlife nuisance and paid a \$700 fine. And at that
23 point, this is just the tip of the tip, really, for us, but that's what I have.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: One more question, Bobby. Backup to the Shikar
25 Safari Award and elaborate on that. We've had that for about 50 years. And I think

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1 you could explain a little bit of what and where it originated -- or not originated, but
2 who it comes from, etc.

3 ROBERT GRIEGO: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Montoya, the Shikar Safari is a
4 conservation organization that provides the award. And it goes to an officer, a law
5 enforcement officer, wildlife officer, in each state that has gone above and beyond in,
6 not only wildlife law enforcement, but the total conservation officer concept of making
7 a difference with the public, sound wildlife management, as well as a strong law
8 enforcement effort. The way -- you are correct, Commissioner Montoya, in that it's
9 probably been right around 50 years that we've been giving that award. It is a highly
10 prestigious award. And we've always included the families with that award because,
11 like I said, it takes a pretty good support group to be a well-rounded conservation
12 officer. It's a lot of cold meals, a lot of missed birthdays, first days of school,
13 holidays. So it takes a significant support from the family for those officers to get to
14 the point where they're considered for that award. We take nominations from across
15 the state. It doesn't matter how long they've been with the department, but typically
16 the winners of that award are getting close to that 10-year range, where they've got a
17 pretty good body of work that goes with it. And we take those nominations, and
18 there's all the captains, the majors and myself, we review all those awards, or those
19 nominations, and make a determination based on that.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Any further questions from the Commissioners?

21 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: I have some comments. And Colonel, I just want to --
22 I'm actually flabbergasted that we have this presentation. I've been wanting to see
23 this for quite some time. I've asked for it, and I'm glad we have it. Director Sloane,
24 thanks for getting this presentation. I know that the stigma sometimes, just like State
25 Police or any police officer, you know, is sometimes negative, but I also see you all in

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1 career days in public schools, and I'm sure all your game wardens have, you know,
2 reached out to principals and education as well. But you guys do so much, and I
3 really thank you guys. You guys are really heroes out there, you know, in the
4 trenches, throughout these little communities where State Police or sheriff's
5 department aren't available. And just everything you do from the public outreach and
6 everything. But I'd like to see this presentation at least, maybe, twice a year or so,
7 but good job and thanks for all you do, and thank you to all the game wardens and
8 law enforcement people that are out there. We appreciate everything you do.

9 ROBERT GRIEGO: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, Colonel, I'd also like to commend
11 your department for the dedication and the positive impact that they're having on our
12 communities. I have one question. Are you aware of a Hunt for the Hungry
13 Program? I had -- somebody asked me about it, and I'd never heard of it.

14 ROBERT GRIEGO: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Peterson, that is correct. We do
15 have one in New Mexico. We put a significant effort into it the last couple years. I've
16 not heard much about it this year, but we did get some meat processors engaged in
17 that, where sportsmen can take their wildlife to those areas to be processed and
18 disseminated to those needy families. It's a fantastic program. Comparatively, the
19 issue in New Mexico or in the West, compared to the East, is the volume of animals
20 that each individual can take. In the East, where you can kill 15 or 20 deer, they're a
21 lot more successful because there's so many animals. Here in the West, where you
22 get one every few years, we get -- there's just less opportunity to donate. But we do
23 have that. And then, all of our officers -- as we get seized wildlife, whether we're
24 taking it in a case, or it's something that was hit by a vehicle and is salvageable, all of
25 our officers are aware of the needy families in their communities, and although we

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1 can't give it to them, we sell it to those individuals for dirt cheap.

2 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Okay, thank you. I just wasn't sure. I'd never heard
3 about it and didn't know if we could maybe put some type of information in our
4 hunting pamphlet, you know, that that's available for people to do.

5 ROBERT GRIEGO: Mr. Chairman, yes, sir.

6 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Bobby, one last thing. I know you send us the land
8 owner contacts that I didn't see on your presentation, above that, all the time that that
9 takes place. If you could talk about that a little bit more?

10 ROBERT GRIEGO: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, the landowner contacts,
11 again, that's just a smattering of the amount of contacts that our officers make on a
12 daily, and much less, a weekly basis. They -- to be an effective conservation officer,
13 because there's only about 75 across the state, we are highly dependent on our
14 citizens, our ranchers, to be our eyes and ears. So they're -- a pretty significant part
15 of the job is that public relations and getting to know the people of your community,
16 and especially the landowners that are out amongst outside of town. So they do that
17 pretty consistent. And, you know, whether it's stopping by a ranch for coffee, or
18 going into town at the local coffee shop and talking to the old guys, that's just what
19 they do. But yes, we have been documenting those for probably a little over a year
20 now.

21 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Right on.

23 ROBERT GRIEGO: All right.

24 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Great job. Good year. Looking forward to another one.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [indiscernible] on the backhoe case? The two guys you

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1 were asking about, this commission revoked them for five years each, at two or three
2 commission meetings ago.

3 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All right.

4 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Good.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

6 MATTHEW WUNDER: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I'm here to provide you with
7 a brief overview of the Environmental and Ecological Environmental Planning
8 Division activities for 2018. Unlike the Field Ops, and a lot of the other divisions in
9 the department, we don't get in as much field time as some of the others, but we do
10 get a little bit in, so I thought I would lead with that.

11 Mark Watson, our terrestrial wildlife habitat specialist, has consistently, over
12 the last number of years, been the observer on the annual waterfowl surveys. And
13 this is the nationwide survey; every January they run those. In fact, he's flying today
14 as the last day of this year's survey and he has consistently been an observer on
15 that. So that's been an opportunity to provide a significant contribution to the
16 department.

17 One of the other things that Mark has been working on is he's the point person
18 for our Wildlife Vehicle Collision Avoidance Initiative within the department. And he's
19 worked on a number of projects, including Tijeras [phonetic] Canyon. And most
20 recently, in 2018, he was working with the Department of Transportation on the effort
21 to provide fencing along I-25 through Raton and develop those underpasses where
22 the wildlife could cross the interstate without fear of being killed. So he helped with
23 the design and implementation of that. And that has led into planning for an
24 extension of that project, which will provide fencing to the Colorado border, where it'll
25 meet up with fencing that is in Colorado, along with some underpasses. So Mark has

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1 been one of the division staff that has gotten out of the field a fair amount. Our -- I'm
2 using the same photo because it, you know, I didn't want to lead with a picture of an
3 Environmental Impact Statement. I didn't think that would gather much interest.
4 But -- so our Aquatic Habitat Specialist, Malia Volke, has been working over the
5 course of 2018 to plan and implement a riparian restoration planting program in the
6 Mills Canyon area, in Northeast New Mexico. And they have -- she had been
7 instrumental on the planning on that and contracting. And they had completed the
8 planting on about 54-acres of riparian habitat. And that will be continuing through
9 this year. In addition to that, Malia has developed for us an aquatic connectivity plan.
10 Basically, it's the Bridge and Culvert Construction Guidelines for stream, riparian, and
11 wetland habitats. This is a handbook that when we get a consultation request that
12 involves something like that, we'll make comments on a project and provide
13 resources for the project proponents. And so she developed this Bridge Culvert
14 Construction Guidelines to help ensure that when construction projects like that are
15 implemented, we try to maintain aquatic connectivity so that the fish and aquatic
16 creatures can move up and down stream and avoid habitat isolation.

17 In addition to that, our Mining and Energy Habitat Specialist, Ron
18 Kellermueller, has been working pretty actively through this year, both looking at
19 mining operations and providing input on those, but also working on our properties up
20 in the Pecos Canyon, where we have the Pecos Mine, and the mill sites. The
21 ongoing remediation effort there. We are working with Freeport-McMoRan to close
22 out the mine site, remediation project. And part of that was completing the
23 groundwater quality monitoring at the Jamie Cook [phonetic] Recreation Area. And
24 so over the course of the year we had done four quarterly samples and had been
25 working with the Environment Department to certify that, in fact, the groundwater in

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1 that area was up to standard. And so we were able to get a determination from the
2 Environment Department, and close out our water quality sampling there, and
3 removed eight of the monitoring wells that had been put in there. So those wells
4 have been decommissioned.

5 As a result of the activities up there, the Environment Department also was
6 interested in some of the groundwater contamination -- potential groundwater
7 contamination at the Lisboa Springs Fish Hatchery, because back -- years ago, a fair
8 amount of mine tailings were used for fill at the fish hatchery. And so there was
9 concern about whether or not there was gonna be groundwater contamination from
10 that. And so we worked to install a water quality monitoring well at the fish hatchery.
11 And we have conducted -- we've had two quarterly samples so far looking at the
12 water -- the groundwater at the hatchery. And at this point, we do have exceedances
13 of chromium and iron. And so we continue to work with the Environment Department
14 to ascertain -- we've got two more quarters of sampling to complete a year's worth of
15 sampling to give them a good idea of exactly what the situation is up there. And
16 once that's determined, then it'll be a question of deciding what can and should be
17 done about that.

18 In addition to those activities, the bulk of the work within the division, primarily,
19 is responding to requests from project proponents. They generally want to build
20 something, or it's an environmental impact statement or something, that we get
21 requests for consultation on those. And in 2018 we got 606 requests for
22 consultation. Of those 606 requests, we provided 420 responses, and of those, 99
23 were what we call custom responses. And these are fairly complex projects, often
24 times, that require fairly thorough analysis of, you know, often times we'll get inch-
25 thick environmental impact statements, or you've got major mine operation that the

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1 terrestrial habitat, or the mining habitat specialist, or the aquatic specialist, will look at
2 and provide comments as to how they can best avoid impacts to wildlife and their
3 habitats. So that is the bulk of what the Technical Guidance Program does.

4 In addition to that, within the division, we have the Share with Wildlife
5 Program, and this is the voluntary contribution program from the residents and
6 citizens of New Mexico, and, in fact, potentially across the country. Where they
7 provide money in the form of either donations, tax check-offs, or the wildlife license
8 plate sales. And this money is used to match against state wildlife grant funding.
9 And in 2018, we funded ten projects, you know, six research, three wildlife
10 rehabilitation facilities, and one education program. And the rehabilitation facilities
11 are a benefit to the department, because it helps relieve some of the demands on the
12 field officers. When somebody comes up and they find an injured animal, or a baby,
13 or whatever, that they need to -- they want something done with. We work with the --
14 we support the rehabilitation facilities because these are places where these animals
15 can be taken and cared for, and appropriately rehabilitated, ideally released, and if
16 not, found homes, often times with educational programs.

17 So in addition to those 10 programs -- projects that were funded for 2018,
18 Virginia Seamster, the program coordinator, put out a call for projects. We got 29
19 projects submitted to the department which were reviewed and selected 12 of those
20 projects for implementation starting in 2019.

21 The other project, or program, that Virginia works on is the Biota Information
22 System of New Mexico and this is the online information system about all of the
23 wildlife in New Mexico. And this is a program that's been up and running for years.
24 But it has been -- it was cobbled together. And by cobbled together, I mean the
25 programming that set up the website to do this has been in evolution, and because

1 it's been in evolution over time, it wasn't a particularly efficient or effective process.
2 And so this year, we worked with the Natural Heritage, and the programmers, to
3 completely upgrade the script for the program. And so it completely rewrote the
4 code, and it streamlined and enhanced the search and data entry functions, because
5 it's an ongoing process of adding new information as it becomes available for any
6 species. Providing search function makes it easy for people who are looking for
7 information on particular species, whether that's an individual species, other than a
8 species in a county or a geographic area. So that was all enhanced. It also enabled
9 us to better improve data quality monitoring, so that we can ensure that the data that
10 goes into this system is the best that it can be. And it also helped us to -- we were
11 able to develop a help page for those users that were having problems, or having
12 questions using the field, or the program. And then this was linked to our
13 environmental review tool, which I will touch base on here in a few minutes.

14 Earlier, a question came up about the crucial habitat -- Crucial Habitat
15 Assessment Tool, also known as the CHAT. We have been working with WAFWA--
16 well, we worked years ago with the Western Governors' Association to develop this
17 West-wide Landscape Scale Planning System. And we developed the New Mexico
18 component of that. And that process for that system has moved over now until
19 WAFWA has taken it over from the Western Governors' Association, and they
20 continue to use it for large-scale, West-wide landscape conversation planning. And
21 they've also -- much of the discussion this past year has been about how that system
22 can be used by WAFWA to -- as a platform for some of the other data that they are
23 able to generate. In particular, things like wildlife migration corridors. That's the sort
24 of information that can be introduced into this CHAT and is accessible to project
25 planners to see where -- if you have a large-scale project, where would the, you

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1 know, you know where the footprint is, you can get a sense of how much impact
2 there will be on wildlife habitats, whether that habitat is very important or less
3 important. So we've been continuing to work on that.

4 Another program that we've been working on is, we've been working with
5 Natural Heritage in New Mexico to develop a statewide riparian habitat map. And
6 this is a very detailed, up-to-date map, looking at the habitats in the riparian areas
7 across the state. We feel this is going to be especially useful, in large measure,
8 because New Mexico being a dry state, riparian and aquatic habitats are especially
9 important, and, you know, some of our figures suggest, you know, up to 85 percent of
10 the species in New Mexico have needs for riparian habitat at some point or another
11 during their lifestyle. So although riparian habitat is fairly small, one or two percent of
12 the state, it is, you know, overwhelmingly important for wildlife of the state. And so
13 Malia has been working with Natural Heritage, and in this last year, they completed
14 the upper Rio Grande watershed mapping.

15 Another thing that we worked on and we completed early this year is we'd
16 worked with the Law Enforcement Division that is managing the scientific and
17 educational collecting permits. And we've been issuing permits for years, and years,
18 and years, for scientists that want to collect wildlife for studies or for educational
19 purposes, and so whenever somebody does that, they're issued a permit. They're
20 issued a permit, they go, and they do their collections, and then they make reports to
21 the department. And so we developed a web-based database system so that it
22 facilitates issuing those permits, getting that information from the person that's
23 seeking the permit. You can get it into a permit, that permit is maintained in the
24 system. When the reports come back, that information then provides location data
25 on much of the wildlife that was collected, so that information can be included in

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1 databases. So we have a -- it increases our understanding of the distribution of
2 wildlife across the state. So again, we completed this process early this year, and I
3 believe it has been pretty effective in helping manage the scientific collection permits.
4 We've also been working this year to develop a web-based version of the State
5 Wildlife Action Plan that we completed several years ago. We are well into that
6 process and I expect that that will be completed by mid-year, 2019. And the purpose
7 of this is essentially to make what is essentially a large, cumbersome document,
8 about 400 pages, make this much more accessible, and useful, to a wider array of
9 potential users. And so, that is an ongoing program.

10 The last thing I want to touch on is a project that we started last year, and it
11 went live this spring, and this is our environmental review tool. As I mentioned
12 earlier, we get, you know, this last year, we got in excess of 600 requests for
13 consultation on potential projects -- on projects that potentially could impact wildlife.
14 Some of these are fairly large, you know, large mines, power distribution lines,
15 pipelines, you know, environmental impact statements. And these are all things that
16 require a great deal of work and custom analysis. But we also get -- the bulk of ours
17 come in for projects that are much smaller. And sometimes things like if you have a
18 project that's receiving federal funding, such as upgrading HUD housing in an urban
19 area, often times they have to get a check-off from the State Wildlife Agency that this
20 will not have an impact on wildlife. And so we get a lot of projects like that. We get
21 things like installation of cell towers across the state, which have a very small
22 footprint. And a lot of those are in urban and developed areas. So this
23 environmental review tool we've developed with assistance from Natural Heritage
24 allows project proponents to put information into the system on a web-based
25 platform. They can put the information in, and for some of these smaller footprints,

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1 things in urban areas, that we know have very little impact on wildlife, these project
2 proponents can put that information in and get a response immediately. The system
3 will generate a response saying that we don't anticipate that this project will have any
4 significant impact on wildlife. And then if that's a requirement for federal funding,
5 they can take that and meet that requirement, and it reduces the demand on the staff
6 that, you know, spends -- you know, they have to spend a fair amount of time dealing
7 with all these small projects that don't really have much impact on wildlife, and this
8 system, we anticipate, will reduce that burden considerably, and allow our habitat
9 specialists to work on those projects that really do require, you know, complex
10 analysis and generating customized responses. It'll also provided an opportunity to
11 manage the flow of information. So this environmental review tool will be linked,
12 ultimately, to the State Wildlife Action Plan. It is linked to the Bison Biota Information
13 System of New Mexico. So that we tie these systems together, so that we make
14 information especially easy for people to get and use. And with that, I'd be more than
15 happy to entertain any questions that you might have.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Questions?

17 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Chairman. I do have some questions for you, Matt.
18 First off, how much of our budget money goes into these projects, and I know they
19 come from different sources and what not, federal, state, but how much is actually
20 coming out of our department, you know, for these projects and just an estimate that,
21 you know, what percentage?

22 MATTHEW WUNDER: Our budget is a little over a million dollars and the Share with
23 Wildlife Program, that is primarily the contributions, you know, the private
24 contributions, and that is matched against state wildlife grant funding. So that runs
25 about \$180,000 a year for that. We have a wildlife grant that supports the Technical

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1 Guidance Program, which is the bulk of this project, of our -- the division budget. And
2 that supports staff time, myself and the other staff in the division. We have several
3 components within that. There's an information collection system for some of the
4 threatened and endangered species that we're trying to gather information on to
5 better manage that. So that's several hundred thousand dollars a year for salaries,
6 on some of those projects.

7 The riparian and aquatic map, that was a standalone grant project with --
8 based on a wildlife grant. And that -- over the course of five years, that is -- it
9 averages out to about \$500,000 a year for that project. And that's matched with
10 nonfederal funds from Natural Heritage New Mexico. The swap revision and the
11 environmental review tool, those -- the swap -- or the web-enabling is based on a
12 grant that we had for the swap planning for a number of years. We're using up those
13 funding, and that is matched with nonfederal match from Natural Heritage. And the
14 environmental review tool, that is a wildlife grant that is also being matched with
15 nonfederal funds from the Natural Heritage. So under two million dollars a year,
16 basically, for the division budget.

17 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: And how many people work under your department?

18 MATTHEW WUNDER: We have seven staff in the division, including our financial
19 analyst.

20 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: And I see that you're definitely communicating with
21 Lance. Lance, you're doing a good job also posting all the non-hunting animal
22 environmental stuff on the website. You know, good work on that, as well. But have
23 we reached out to, and marketed, our habitat improvement dollars or habitat
24 improvement stamp to those non-hunting people as well? I know we had talked
25 about that at one time. I know that when we did meet with, you know, some of those

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1 people, they weren't even aware of it. You know, of being able to purchase a habitat
2 improvement stamp, just like sportsmen do to go out into the field. You know, I know
3 it's not that they have to purchase one, but I think some of those people would be
4 willing to contribute to those improvements as well.

5 MATTHEW WUNDER: Right. The habitat stamp is a separate program, and Stewart
6 might -- is in a better position to address that.

7 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Further questions or comments? Let's take a quick break.
9 We've been going at it for an hour and a half. Are you up or are we doing the fish?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [indiscernible]

11 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: You're last. Isn't there a rule of show business, don't follow
12 the fish?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You saved the fastest talker for last.

14 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Who's up?

15 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Stewart.

16 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: He knows to keep it short.

17 STEWART LILEY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I'm gonna provide the update for
18 the Fisheries Management Division.

19 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Oh. A little loud. Okay.

20 STEWART LILEY: To start off with, I guess the foundation of what our division does
21 is a rundown of the hatchery production for the year. Our state -- six state fish
22 hatcheries produced around 700,000 pounds of fish that were stocked into New
23 Mexico waters this year. Most notable there are the rainbow trout production
24 numbers, the vast majority of those fish, or those pounds, are catchables or larger.
25 The incentive program where we started stocking a proportion of some water's

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1 allotment as 15-inch or so fish has been wildly popular over the past few years.
2 Also notable there is the production and stocking of Gila trout from Glenwood
3 Hatchery. This is the first time we have hatched, reared, and stocked Gila trout from
4 a department facility in about 75 years, so that's kind of a big year for us there.

5 Each year the legislature sets a target for us, as far as pounds of fish that we
6 need to produce. That target this year was 640,000 pounds. We exceeded that by
7 about 60,000 pounds. We also have a target for angler satisfaction set by the
8 legislature of about 85 percent satisfied anglers. This year when we measured it in
9 our annual surveys, it was about 90 percent. So we met both of those targets.

10 Moving on to a couple capital projects that are almost -- one is almost complete, one
11 is just getting underway as far as on the ground stuff, is the installation of these
12 particulate vaults at Los Ojos Hatchery. The purpose of these is to help settle solids,
13 whether it's excess feed or fish waste, from being discharged back in the waters of
14 the state. So it's basically a water quality protection measure. It'll help us meet our
15 Clean Water Act restrictions for that hatchery.

16 We also have our -- within a about a couple -- within a week or so of
17 advertising to replace a three-quarter mile pipeline at Red River Hatchery. This
18 pipeline is about ready to, I guess, be completely unoperational. It supplies about
19 three-quarter -- about a third of our water to the hatchery. That should be going out
20 for bids soon and, hopefully, will be complete sometime before the end of the fiscal
21 year.

22 Some of you might remember the devastating wildfires that we had back in
23 2012 and 2013 down in the Southwest part of the state. The first was in the
24 Whitewater-Baldy Fire in 2012, and the next was the Silver Fire of 2013. Both of
25 those fires were in the heart of Gila trout country, and really set back our

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1 conservation efforts for that native trout species about 10 to 15 years. Seizing upon
2 that opportunity we had a couple streams that were fish-less. In the case of
3 Whitewater Creek, it was almost fish-less, there were a few non-native trout left, as
4 you can see from those pictures on the left. This is incredibly remote, rugged,
5 beautiful country. There's some fantastic fish habitat in there, trout habitat. It's lousy
6 biologist habitat. In fact, in order to get this project done over the past two years,
7 we've had to remove trees repeatedly from trails, and actually rebuild some trails.
8 We've done about 120 miles of trail clearing. That's just primarily for us, but it's
9 opened up the country to hunters and other -- and anglers, and other recreationalists.
10 We had 32 helicopter flights to sling our gear, and food, and all of that to different
11 parts of the state -- or -- of the project.

12 This year we had 33 people on the ground in snow and rain for about two
13 weeks in October. That also includes last year we had folks from Field Ops, I & E,
14 Wildlife Management Division. So this was a true departmental effort. We also had
15 about 253 mule loads, taking all of our gear around to different parts of the
16 watershed. Based upon the success of this project this year, we decided that we
17 were going to stock Gila trout into the lower reach of Whitewater Creek on December
18 1st. We did a good job of publicizing this. We asked for volunteers from all over the
19 state, had a couple people come down from -- or come from out of state to
20 participate. Once we are done with this project, it'll be a total of about 23 new miles
21 of Gila trout occupied habitat. That picture in the bottom right is a picture of a young
22 man from Silver City who caught the first Gila trout on that day -- first Gila trout from
23 Whitewater Creek in about, once again, 75-80 years. So this was a good day for Gila
24 trout, it's a good day for the department, good day for the Community of Glenwood.

25 Over the past several years we've done several projects to improve habitat on

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1 the San Juan -- or in the tail water reach of the San Juan River, below Navajo Dam.
2 We continued that effort this past year and focusing on the Simone Canyon reach, if
3 you're familiar with the area. In total, this project was about \$1.5 million. We
4 improved a habitat of over about one and a half miles by narrowing the stream
5 channel, adding some habitat enhancement features. We improved riparian habitat
6 with augmentation of the depression of wetlands which will seasonally hold water for
7 waterfowl and other terrestrial species. And we also installed two concrete reinforced
8 boat ramps, one of them in the Crusher Hole area and the other in the Rainbow
9 Lodge area, on department property.

10 We continued with aquatic invasive species efforts state wide. Together with
11 department efforts and our partners, we've conducted over 40,000 inspections of
12 boats from in-state and out-of-state locations. That represents boats coming from 41
13 different states. We also had a boat, somehow, come from the Northern Mariana
14 Islands, which is in the South Pacific near the Philippines. So I guess aquatic
15 invasive species efforts are truly a global concern. To date, all of our monitoring of
16 New Mexico waters has detected no zebra or quahog mussels yet.

17 And then just to conclude some other notable accomplishments; there's no
18 way I can capture all the things that our people have done this year, but there's a
19 couple items that are noteworthy. The first is we had one of our biologists invited to
20 participate into a – in a survey down into interior Mexico to look for relic populations
21 of Texas Hornshell. It's an endangered mussel that we have the significant habitat in
22 the Southeast New Mexico. That biologist and his team that he was working with
23 discovered at least one new population of Texas Hornshell in Coahuila, Mexico.
24 Potentially another, and then a couple other streams which could potentially be used
25 as repatriation sites. So, you know, it's great to have one of our biologists getting

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1 involved in international efforts in fisheries. But also, it's a good thing for Texas
2 Hornshell conservation.

3 Back in 2011, there was a massive wildfire up in the Jemez Mountains, which
4 wiped out at least two Rio Grande cutthroat trout populations. Several other streams
5 were inhabited by non-native trout. Over the years those watersheds have
6 recovered, and this year we did our first repatriation effort to the Rio Frijoles on
7 Bandelier National Monument. That's a significant location, because we're gonna --
8 it's about 7-miles of habitat, in total all of those streams will get us about a net
9 increase of 30-miles of occupied habitat. But also Bandelier has agreed to continue
10 to allow angling there for this native trout.

11 We've also -- are near completion of some largemouth bass research at
12 Elephant Butte Reservoir. The purpose of this is to help us better understand the
13 natal origin, or whether the bass in the reservoir result from stocking or from natural
14 reproduction. It's pretty interesting work where you can cut the inner ear bone out of
15 the fish, run a laser across it, and the isotopes incorporated into that bony structure
16 will tell you whether or not it's from our hatchery, from another hatchery, or from
17 Elephant Butte. So that's kind of a pretty neat research technology were using an
18 Elephant Butte, and it has applications to other waters in the state.

19 And then, finally, for several years we've been working on spike days
20 repatriation into the San Francisco River down in the Gila area. This year our
21 biologist detected that those fish had -- that were stocked -- had persisted, and were
22 reproducing, so we feel this is a big step towards recovering that species. And that is
23 all I have. Do you have any questions?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Questions?

25 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: On the stalking of the cutthroat -- the Gila cutthroat?

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1 Is it -- are you looking at the 1,300 you did? Are you looking at trying to get a lot more
2 per year? What's the goal?

3 STEWART LILEY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Salopek, this is just the first of
4 many, many, stocking efforts. I think the day before that event we put another couple
5 thousand fry in. And then after some additional surveys further up in the watershed
6 we'll be following that up with, I anticipate, stockings in the several thousands each
7 year for two to three years.

8 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: As it stands now -- which I'm sure Ralph, me and
9 Ralph, are very happy 'cause we're not getting chewed out by the fishermen over
10 there, 'cause they're happy. But are they able to keep one or two fish in certain
11 areas?

12 STEWART LILEY: The regulations at that water will be two fish per day, and they
13 can use any legal tackle.

14 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Thank you. I appreciate what y'all have done 'cause
15 there's a lot of happy people down there.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Other questions? Okay. Thank you.

17 STEWART LILEY: Thank you.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The next player.

19 KIRK PATTEN: The next and last. I'll be quick. So I want to just highlight a few
20 projects instead of, kind of, our overall accomplishments that we do on an annual
21 basis, or things like that. But just some highlights from this year that were unique
22 compared to other years. And starting off with, kind of, a historic moment when we
23 released black-footed ferrets to the Greg Moore Mooreland and Cattle Ranch up in
24 Northeast portion of the state. It's the first time the department has ever been in, or,
25 kind of, the lead agency in the ferret reintroduction. Vermejo [phonetic] entered --

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1 released some about 10 years ago. They failed. So these are the only ferrets in the
2 wild in New Mexico, or on the Moore Ranch. We've been monitoring them, we
3 released eight in September, and plan to go back again in the next fall with another
4 release. And I think it was really unique. Greg got a lot of the land owners around
5 the area, kind of, excited about it, and we have a lot more trying to contact us to
6 maybe contribute towards ferret recovery across New Mexico.

7 Another big moment that happened for the department or the division this year
8 was the release of bighorn in the Sacramento Mountains. Bighorn have been almost
9 extirpated from the Sacramentos for 100 years, so it's pretty unique. We released 33
10 bighorn in the Sacramentos. As you can see there a pretty long line of people
11 watching those sheep being released. It was a really big public outreach for that, for
12 that community in Alamogordo, and the sheep are doing well. We plan to go back
13 with another release probably in two years. Not next fall, but the fall after, to continue
14 augmenting this population. But again, it's the first time sheep have been present on
15 that mountain range, on that escarpment, for almost 100 years, so a big success
16 there.

17 Another big project we had was moving 100 pronghorn to Mexico, and this is
18 no small feat. It took the whole department on this. It took working with the Mexican
19 Government, working in Mexico City on permits, etc. We were working on permits
20 with Mexico City while pronghorn were actually in traps and trailers. So it -- we were
21 able to capture almost 250 pronghorn in one go. We've never been able to catch that
22 many. We had some pretty interesting times at the corral to where they almost tore it
23 down with that many in there. But we moved 100 to the border, and those animals
24 made it across and they're now in two different release areas in the State of
25 Chihuahua, just south of Nueva Casas Grandes in Mexico. And it's very successful.

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1 In Mexico, pronghorn are listed as an endangered species. So this is a huge
2 step towards recovery of the -- and delisting off of the endangered species list in
3 Mexico, towards getting them there. In return, we'll be receiving 100 goulds turkeys
4 in the next couple of years from the Country of Mexico, and most likely from the State
5 of Chihuahua.

6 Another big thing that happened, we touched on this briefly at a different
7 commission meeting, was the department initiated its first ever controlled burn. This
8 controlled burn was at 1,100 piles on the Colin-Neblett Wildlife Management Area,
9 and it really created a nice fire break. And we almost got to test the fire break this
10 year with the Ute Creek -- or, excuse me, Ute Park Fire. When that fire was going
11 on, they were trying to find defense points to stop that fire if it were to move to the
12 west. And the number one defense point, what they did find, was where we did our
13 habitat management work. If they had to -- if they were gonna try stopping on the
14 west coming towards the town of Eagle Nest or Angel Fire, that was where the break
15 was gonna be. So successful from a wildlife standpoint, but also mitigating fire
16 impacts towards town has been a success with that. But a continuation of our habitat
17 and, Commissioner Ramos, you mentioned something about the Habitat Stamp
18 Project. The department, over the last year, has parted partnered with private land
19 owners, BLM, state, basically every land entity in the state except for BIA, to
20 implement habitat restoration across the state. We had 36,000 actual acres that
21 were either cut, burned, or masticated, or wetlands restored across the state. So that
22 doesn't include the planning areas or anything like that. That's 36,000 of actual acres
23 that we implemented in the state this last year. That's about five million that we spent
24 on the ground on implementation, either through PR funding or department funds.
25 And then another two million in the last year on planning to get to the next phase.

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1 The planning that we were doing in the Sacramento Mountains and then also in the
2 north central, up in the GMU 52/51, it will open up approximately 240,000 acres
3 where we can move into the future to start doing some implementation on watershed,
4 forest restoration, etc.

5 One of the other ones that we really worked on in the last year was Bernardo
6 and La Jolla Wildlife Management Area. There's a lot of Salt Cedar and Russian
7 Olive that are invasive in there. We're planning on taking out 1,100 acres of that in
8 this next year. We had it all cleared this year, but one of the two things we did this
9 year was really improve and redo the Tour Loop Road. That's getting a lot of use.
10 We probably have a record number of Rocky Mountain population of Sandhill Cranes
11 in the Bernardo this year. It's probably over 20,000 birds sitting there. And the
12 number of visitors coming on a daily basis from around the world, around the country
13 especially, has increased significantly. And with the government shutdown it's only
14 increased more because that's where everyone's going to view cranes, take pictures
15 of cranes this year. And we redid that road, and it really has shown that we can draw
16 in, kind of, those wildlife viewers into that area.

17 The other thing we did was we redid all the parking lots to redistribute duck
18 hunters across the La Jolla Waterfowl Area, both the north and the south, and it, kind
19 of, is helping to try to redistribute some of that crowding that we've received in there
20 in the past. And two things have, kind of, been in rulemaking, as you guys are well
21 aware of these two, but two things that I think is, kind of, monumental is the revision
22 of our private land use systems for pronghorn and for elk. You know, as you well
23 know, the elk was really to try to better recognize those land owners that are making
24 a contribution to elk and try to help meet our management goals across the state for
25 elk management, not only on private land, but across the forest. And then also

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1 pronghorn working over a year and a half with constituents to try to get to a place
2 where we felt like we had a good rule, and a path moving forward to try to hunt
3 pronghorn on private land while providing some opportunities on public land that
4 were previously not allow -- we didn't have because of either signed agreements, or
5 some other things. So those were two programs that haven't really been touched in
6 a long time that we were able to go in and accomplish some revisions.

7 And the last thing I want to touch on is kind of a wildlife nuisance we talked
8 about tag teams, and we talked about responding to nuisance animals. But
9 prevention is something we also try to work with. And one of the big ones is the Los
10 Alamos area where we've gone in with the City of Los Alamos, them providing the
11 nonfederal match necessary to bring in some PR money, or state wildlife grant
12 money, to help out with redoing their trap systems. That picture there on the left is --
13 was passed throughout the nation. That bear was actually in a dumpster when it was
14 dumped and climbed up over the top. But it showed the issues we have with
15 nuisance bears coming into town, creating problem bears. We went in and did 13 of
16 those trash/dumpster receptacles across big businesses that had produced a lot of
17 trash, including the hospital which is one of the biggest producers. And then at the
18 residential areas in the last year, we purchased 300 trashcans that are bear proof to
19 try to reduce bears coming into town, trying to reduce potential conflict and that
20 nuisance. And with that, I'll take any questions.

21 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Y'all did a lot last year. What have you got planned for this
22 year? What's the follow-up?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: More of the same?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: More sheep.

25 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I didn't get to ask a question about the fish, and maybe you

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1 asked it. But that -- those legislative mandates to do six hundred and some thousand
2 pounds, is that changed every year, or is that, or is that just --

3 KIRK PATTEN: Mr. Chairman, I will defer to the Director Sloane on that. He's got a
4 longer history, I believe they've been the same.

5 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Director Fish.

6 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, it's part of the Government Accountability Act,
7 and, in fact, they are set each year. We get some input on it, but the legislature
8 does, in fact, adopt them each year.

9 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: And then on the angler satisfaction, is that an arbitrary
10 percentage? I mean, somebody just chose 85 percent out of the air, or --

11 DIRECTOR SLOANE: That's correct. Because when we're -- the first year that we
12 did it, we were at 76 percent or something, and it was supposed to be 75. So they
13 keep inching it up every year.

14 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: And is that something they vote on every session?

15 DIRECTOR SLOANE: I think it's part of the budget bill.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It is part of the budget bill.

17 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Well, you do this long enough you'll learn almost everything,
18 so. That's a little surprising to me.

19 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: So it's a good thing they don't write a lot of citations,
20 because those people wouldn't be in the top 90, would they?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's a lot that goes into a satisfied angler that's
22 beyond our control.

23 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Right.

24 DIRECTOR SLOANE: And Mr. Chairman, while I can't cite them off the top of my
25 head, I know that we do have a number of other performance measures for all of our

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1 programs; acres of habitat restored and those kinds of things.

2 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: So I pat Mr. Verela [phonetic] on the back and saying that an
3 audit doesn't come together in one day. But the same thing is true for the work that
4 everyone who presented on this agenda item. It doesn't come together in one day.
5 It's every day, and then it's over a course of years, you know, laying the groundwork,
6 having the right attitude. So my hat's off to everybody. That was a great year, and
7 I'm sure we'll go on to other great years. You hit that one out of the park, so thank
8 you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Very exciting.

11 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Celebration. Good job.

12 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, if I might. I'd like also -- as you noted, our
13 administration division, our ASD, administrative services, has done a great job as the
14 audit shows, but I'd also like to mention our IT Division which ensures that everybody
15 gets their applications in, supports all of our employees and their ability to use the
16 computer system and keep us operational. So I'd like to thank them as well.

17 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Right on. Thank you. Thank you to everybody. Agenda
18 Item No. 13, Update on Development of Shooting Ranges in New Mexico.

19 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I've come here today to talk to
20 you a little bit about a few ranges that we have in progress right now in New Mexico.
21 The Stephen M. Bush Memorial Shooting Range, a range enhancement project at
22 the Albuquerque Trap Club, and then the Clovis Range at Ned Hoke Park. For
23 starters, I'm really pleased today to be reporting that we have received approval from
24 Fish and Wildlife Service on our construction grant for this project. Bids closed just a
25 couple weeks ago, and we are in the progress of finalizing the selection for the

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1 construction company to produce this range. That means within the next couple
2 weeks, we are actually building this range. And that's something that I'm very
3 pleased to be reporting, because I know, quite often, when I've come before you,
4 we've talked a lot about, well, this compliance, that compliance, we've gotta work
5 through this hoop, that hoop. And as you recall from the Tres Piedras Range, we
6 really are sitting, right now, at a spot where we can see the light at the end of the
7 tunnel.

8 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Almost gold shovel time, right?

9 LANCE CHERRY: Almost gold shovel time. As you recall this range is gonna
10 feature a 10- to 90-yard archery range, 50-yard small bore rifle ranges, 50-yard pistol
11 ranges, a 200-yard rifle range, and, of course, a shotgun range with a five-stand
12 overlay on it. This will be quite a nice facility, located for residents up in Northeastern
13 New Mexico. And something that I think we can really be excited about and see the
14 fruits of our labor on.

15 On the Albuquerque Trap Club front, we also received approval for our grant
16 to complete compliance work on this project. This is a short turnaround project, so
17 compliance will be quite short. And we'll be moving to the construction of it very
18 soon. What we will be building on this particular site, is gonna be a five-stand station
19 for them. This will be different for the Albuquerque Trap Club as everything that they
20 have laid out right now is trap houses. This is a great partnership that we've pulled
21 together because it's gonna increase an opportunity for public access, and as well as
22 providing us a good training facility for small game hunting, such as dove, quail, and
23 waterfowl, in a location that is central to New Mexico's largest urban population.
24 We're really excited about the opportunity this one has presented us and looking
25 forward to this one being completed -- constructed and completed in the very near

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1 future.

2 The Clovis Shooting Range at Ned Hoke Park is also sitting in a very good
3 window. The grant has been submitted to provide support and funding -- additional
4 funding for construction of this range. They have completed all the compliance work
5 that was required for us to be eligible to get that money and help match the money
6 that they're putting forward to create a nice facility there. Again, that's gonna be
7 another range in another location across the state that is been vastly needed for a
8 long time. With that, I will stand for any questions.

9 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I'll just say I'm pleased with the progress. Sometimes it looks
10 like it's no progress, but we've made a lot over the last few years. I would
11 respectfully request that as times change, and this Commission changes, keep the
12 drive alive. I do believe these ranges, supporting all forms of shooting, including
13 archery, are important. They're a good symbol for the department, and I do believe
14 they provide a valuable public service where they allow people to shoot in a
15 controlled environment and cuts down on some of the rogue shooting in arroyos and
16 other places. So I would encourage the department to keep after these, and not just
17 for shooting purposes, certainly there's an educational component that you can bring
18 online at any one of these. But the first thing is you gotta get them built. And so I'm
19 very pleased with the progress that's been made. Anything else on this one? Right
20 on. Keep at it. Thank you.

21 Agenda Item No. -- don't go anywhere. Agenda Item No. 14, Update on the
22 Department's Education Efforts. You got something to say about this one, Ralph?

23 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: I don't know. I think I said it earlier.

24 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: You're gonna have to say it again.

25 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I'm happy to be talking to you

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1 today a little bit about the department's R3 efforts and our education efforts, and
2 where we've come and where we're going with these programs, and the effort that
3 we've put forth. As you'd recall, over the last decade, you've seen the headlines
4 touting the decline in hunting and angling participation that really has swept the
5 country and swept the industry. New Mexico was no exception for that, we also had
6 been experiencing decline. Fortunately, agencies like ourselves put a lot of time, and
7 effort, and resources, into looking to find out why we were experiencing the decline.
8 And these lists are the exact reasons that have contributed to the cause of that
9 decline, particularly in hunting and fishing. Of note, a few of them that are absolutely
10 in our control has to do with the lack of mentors, some complicated hunter education
11 requirements, schools no longer teaching wildlife conservation the way they once did,
12 and then just dealing with access and some of those types of issues. As
13 departments and agencies like ourselves really dug in and did the work, we really
14 looked at the customer's path to becoming an avid participant. And this hunter/angler
15 adoption model, I'm sure you've all seen it at least once, but we can't really look at it
16 enough, really is the roadmap to success. This outlines the path that people take, a
17 number of types of programs that you need to lay out there to move them through
18 that path to becoming avid. And in the past most of our programs kind of lied pretty
19 heavily in an awareness and intrastate, but that has changed over time. And you'll
20 notice this is something that we look at as we develop programs, or we look at
21 educational opportunities that we're throwing forth out there in the public to make
22 sure that we're providing exactly what our next generation of customers need and
23 want. Just to throw you a little bit of a timeline of some of the things in New Mexico
24 that have absolutely worked, a few key benchmarks that, along the way, have
25 contributed to our ability to really put a sustaining reversal on the decline in this state.

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1 Starting off with, back in -- well, I'm gonna have to jump one more. Starting off with
2 back in 2012, y'all recalled we implemented the mandatory customer identification
3 number. This is critical. You would be amazed how many states out there still don't
4 have the ability to identify their specific customer, and to be able to look at their
5 buying habits over time, to even know if they've lapsed, or addressed some of the
6 issues of a changing market. This gave us that ability to know our customer better,
7 and to work on things that would meet the needs and expectations that they have of
8 us.

9 Following that, we implemented the E-license, and the ability for folks to buy a
10 license online has been something that we were early adopters of. As other states
11 have come on board with doing the same type of program, they've experienced much
12 of the same results that we see here, with growth. Most notably, recently Nevada
13 presented on their implementation of this product, and they saw a 44 percent
14 increase in their licenses.

15 The next thing we did in 2014, was to take a hard look at our education
16 programs and outreach efforts. Those education programs had long focused on
17 traditional classroom-type education. We took a very skills-based approach in 2014,
18 and again, trying to meet the need of a changing customer. And then the last major
19 step is that once we had built it, we've expanded the way we market it and
20 communicate what has changed and what we offer at the department, and it's had a
21 significant outcome. I think the numbers really speak for themselves. Over the
22 course of time from 2011 to 2017, we've seen a 75 percent increase in license sales,
23 and 172 percent in the fishing realm. I think those are not only significant, but they
24 put our state as one of two states that have really shown a sustained increase in
25 reversing that trend.

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1 Again, for 50 years the department had focused all of our efforts on traditional
2 educational approaches. And today I'm just gonna take, kind of, highlight look at the
3 one area that was within our I & E Division that we focused in on, and that was this
4 shift to a skills-based education. For 50 years we had done traditional education, we
5 hung our hats as of success as being our safety record. And what that failed to do
6 was to create any sustainable participation in hunting and angling. Quite frankly, it
7 failed to inspire the next generation of hunters and anglers to be outdoors. Teaching
8 outdoor education, indoors, just doesn't quite get the job done. So once we made
9 that change, the face of our programs really changed. Today, our programs look
10 much more like this. We have a lot of skills-based, hands-on hunting, fishing,
11 outdoor education-type classes that take place at camps in the outdoors. Skills --
12 and just to flip through a few photos so that you can see the difference in what a
13 student looks like when they're actually learning skills-based training in that
14 environment, very different than what you'd see in the classroom. By no means this
15 was a heavy lift for the department, and just focusing in, again, on my six programs
16 numbers, the division has 13 educators and 15 information staff members,
17 professional staff members, that provided, last year, 526 skills-based education
18 classes. That's almost two a day. And broken down across these, you can see that
19 was quite an effort.

20 The outcome of that was that in 2011 we were reaching less than one percent
21 of New Mexico's total youth population. Today's program just wrapped up and we
22 reached 48,103 of New Mexico's nearly 500,000 youth under the age of 18, which is
23 almost 10 percent of the population. I'd challenge anybody out there to take that
24 number of folks and go out and reach that many people. This is a focus just on our
25 youth as well.

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1 One of the other changes that we integrated as we went along the way was
2 recognizing the need for continuation with support for new hunters and anglers. And
3 so while our programs still have much of that youth focus, we have also made sure
4 that we include parents and families into these programs, and when they show up to
5 a program that they expected might just be a youth program, they quickly find
6 themselves as a student and in the learning environment. Hyperly critical that we
7 continue to teach that generation how to get their own children out to hunt and fish
8 and do these types of things.

9 As we move forward into the coming years, you can expect that not only will
10 we continue to do more programs like this based off the success that we've seen, but
11 we're also beginning to put a lot of effort into evaluating each of our programs so that
12 we have a better understanding of which of them work best, and we can streamline
13 those efforts. I think this'll be critical for continued growth in participation and is
14 definitely something that this department can be proud of. And with that, I'll stand for
15 questions.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Questions? Bob?

17 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: You said there were two states, what's the other
18 state?

19 LANCE CHERRY: Commissioner Ricklefs, the other state is Oregon. Oregon has
20 taken a similar approach to much of what we're doing, including putting an R3
21 Coordinator on staff that really looks at pushing these programs in this similar
22 direction.

23 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER MONTOYA: Other questions?

25 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Just a comment, Vice Chairman. Lance, fantastic

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1 job on what you've accomplished. I was just looking at the OHV numbers, looks like
2 there's not -- is there a lot of participation in that program, or --

3 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Peterson, that program continues
4 to grow. It is one of those programs that we're not completely satisfied yet with the
5 reach. We know there are more kids out there riding OHV's than we've managed to
6 reach with, in particular, the safety training aspect of it. And we just continue to grow
7 that program knowing that, as we develop opportunities, interest will increase as well.

8 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Yeah, just a comment. I mean, it seems like a lot of
9 people out there riding don't know the rules, and you see a lot of them without their
10 helmets on. And I don't know what we could do to maybe inform the public better of
11 the rules. I know there at the Glade Run, if there was a sign there and there may be
12 one there, I haven't seen it. But kind of post, I mean people actually riding without
13 their helmets is, what, a \$500 fine? Maybe some public information that we can put
14 out there.

15 LANCE CHERRY: Chairman, Commissioner Peterson, the Glade Run, responding
16 first to that, as part of that project in doing all that trail work and adding that
17 infrastructure in place, that is something that was absolutely front of mind placing to
18 there. Still much, much like a lot of programs that are somewhat new, and OHV I still
19 consider somewhat new to the department. I recognize it may take us a little time,
20 but we certainly are tackling new ways and methods to deliver that message
21 statewide. Again, with that Safety Sam that we got that was something that we knew
22 we could use to get into the classroom and get in front of an environment where a lot
23 of kids are. And in particular, it's the kids that we really need to reach to change an
24 entire culture of a generation and to be safety-focused.

25 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Well, great job.

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1 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Lance, on that OHV, now that we're still not topic. Have
2 we reached out, like, to all the rural, or even the small towns, 'cause some towns
3 have approved, you know, through their city councils and stuff like that, and some
4 have not, and then maybe on our website, you know, posting something, which
5 towns do allow the, you know, the vehicles that are least licensed, you know, the
6 ATVs on the street legal, all that stuff on there. It just would be a little bit easier. But
7 I know it's new, and you can't do it all overnight, so keep plugging away on that.

8 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Ramos, that actually is exactly what
9 we've been doing the past year in that program. We have become the clearinghouse
10 for finding the information on the different laws in the different towns. Strategically
11 setting our self up to be the go-to people for that kind of information. And with a
12 mindset that if we're the go-to people, it's much easier to get these additional
13 messages out in front of that audience moving forward.

14 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Thank you, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: You make it look easy. But thank you for your hard work. It's
16 a never-ending process, and it's -- even since I've been on the Commission, it's
17 ramped up a lot. And my hat's off for using new and different ways of getting kids.
18 That's a challenge, you know it's a challenge. So getting through to them and making
19 things interesting to them is a big deal, and it looks like you're having success. So
20 keep at it, I appreciate it.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: One other question, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes, sir.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Lance, all these projects that you talked about are
24 federal-aid supported to 75/25 [phonetic]?

25 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Montoya, many of them are. There

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1 are some that fall in different realm, such as OHV, that do not fall within that same
2 structure. They're part of a trail safety fund, as opposed to being able to access sport
3 fish restoration dollars.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: But even some of those that don't fall under PRDJ,
5 those are funded from some other sources that are game protection fund dollars;
6 correct?

7 LANCE CHERRY: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Montoya, that is correct.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: All right.

9 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All right. Right on. Can I get a motion to adjourn into Closed
10 Executive Session, please?

11 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Mr. Chairman, I move to adjourn into Executive Session,
12 closed to the public, pursuant to section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978, to discuss limited
13 personnel matters relating to complaints and discipline; pursuant to section 10-15-
14 1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, to discuss property acquisition; and pursuant to section 10-15-
15 1(H)(7) NMSA on matters subject to the attorney-client privilege relating to
16 threatened or pending litigation in which the Commission and/or Department is, or
17 may become, a participant as listed in Agenda Item 15, Subsections A, B, and C.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Roll call.

20 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Chase.

21 COMMISSIONER CHASE: Here. Yes. Sorry.

22 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Salopek.

23 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Ricklefs.

25 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Yes.

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1 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Ramos.

2 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Yes.

3 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Commissioner Peterson.

4 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Vice Chairman Montoya.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN MONTOYA: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Chairman Kienzle.

8 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes. And before we adjourn absolutely here, I do want to
9 thank Jacob Payne, who's not here with us today. He has done yeoman work for the
10 department, was the department's lawyer, I believe he may not be the lawyer
11 anymore, but, you know, numbers 1 through 12 on my agenda here to talk about
12 lawsuits, he's managed all of those very well. So he is missed, and we'll continue to
13 miss him, and I thank him for his good work. So whoever sees him, tell him I said
14 nice things about him. So thank you. We can break.

15 This Commission had adjourned into Executive Session, closed to the public.
16 During the Executive Session, the Commission discussed only those matters
17 specified in its motion to adjourn, and it took no action as to any matter. Agenda Item
18 No. 16. Can I get a motion as to the 160 property -- potential property acquisition on
19 160 acres of the Kizer property in Roosevelt County, adjacent to the Crossroads #1
20 Prairie Chicken Area. Mike, what kind of -- or, Mr. Director, what kind of motion do
21 you need from us?

22 DIRECTOR SLOANE: Mr. Chairman, I think a motion authorizing the department to
23 proceed with a property acquisition and work through the Chairman for any signature
24 that might be required would be an appropriate motion at this time.

25 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: Can I say so moved?

1 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Any discussion? All in favor?

4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it. Public Comment. I have one public comment
6 card, but there is no, strictly speaking, public -- are you gonna speak up?

7 JOHN CRENSHAW: It doesn't matter.

8 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: That's fine. There's no card from you, but I'll make an
9 exception from this time.

10 JOHN CRENSHAW: [indiscernible] with a rule change or anything.

11 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: No. I'm being facetious.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: John, John, John.

13 JOHN CRENSHAW: I'm characteristically short. John Crenshaw, President, New
14 Mexico Wildlife Federation. Retired from Game and Fish. And I just want to say, I
15 thought I was monitoring the department's activities and no surprise, I was, again
16 very, very, surprised at the depth and breadth of what this outfit does. It's always
17 been a leader, it's always been an innovator, early adapters of new technology and
18 science. You got a real crackerjack team here, and the state ought to be proud of
19 you, and I sure am.

20 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All right. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER PETERSON: We'll pay you your \$20 after a while, John.

22 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: I agree.

23 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Good, thank you. Mr. Dax [phonetic], anything to say, you're
24 the -- I think may be the last member of the public.

25 MR. DAX: I wasn't going to say anything but thank you for the opportunity. I would

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1 reiterate what John just said. I really appreciate all the information at this meeting
2 and would second some of the comments that Commissioner Ramos made about the
3 value. And I probably learned more at this commission meeting about some of the
4 department's activities than I have at any other meeting and would love to see more
5 presentations along these lines. Really excited to learn about the riparian map in the
6 upper Rio Grande area, I think that's can be extremely valuable tool. So just thank
7 you, and, you know, keep it up. Good work to the department.

8 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Thank you. Right on. Anything else?

9 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: Just one last comment.

10 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: I know.

11 COMMISSIONER RAMOS: But I think it's a worthy. Director Sloane, and possibly,
12 like the presentation that was given today, I think they just gave us a snapshot on
13 those, and possibly in the future we do maybe a Commission Workshop prior to our
14 meeting, open to the public for awareness on what exactly we're doing in a more
15 depth session, broken sessions throughout a day or what not. But those are my two
16 cents, and I'm sure that's where I'm at.

17 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All right. Can I get a motion to adjourn?

18 COMMISSIONER SALOPEK: So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER RICKLEFS: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: All in favor?

21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN KIENZLE: Ayes have it.

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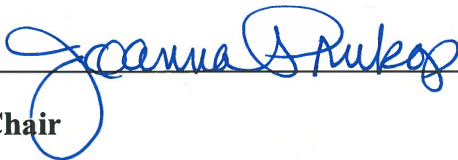
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