

The seal of the New Mexico State Game Commission is centered in the background. It features a circular design with a landscape scene including a tree, a river, and a mountain range. The text "NEW MEXICO STATE GAME COMMISSION" is inscribed around the perimeter of the seal.

# **State Game Commission Briefing**

## **Habitat Stamp Program**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reauthorization Discussion**

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# What is the Habitat Stamp Program?

- A habitat management process authorized under the federal *Sikes Act*,
- A funding vehicle for wildlife habitat work,
- A forum for inter-agency coordination and collaboration, and
- An agency **AND** citizen partnership

# HSP Partners





# HSP Mission

- Who** HSP cooperators are
- What** to provide ecologically diverse wildlife and fish habitats
- Where** on USFS and BLM managed lands,
- How** by involving the public in an effective, cost efficient, honest, and cooperative management process
- Why** for enjoyment and use by the current and future generations of New Mexicans.

# HSP History

- Began as pilot on Valle Vidal in 1986.
- State Game Commission adopted it statewide in 1991.
- \$15.4 million cash to habitat work with \$14 million in federal agency match.
- Since 1999, volunteers matched \$2 mil.





# Commission Appoints Citizen Advisors

- 35 citizens representing
  - Sportsmen
  - Fed land permittees
  - Environmentalists
- Regional outlook
- Rank proposal and recommend back to Commission





# Accomplishments

- Vegetation treatments 624,000 ac.
- Riparian Improvement 11,000 ac.
- Water Developments 1,006
- Pop./Habitat Surveys 702
- Fisheries Improvement 79
- Transplants 17
- Maintenance actions 6,800



# HSP Rule's Sunsetting Provision

- About every 10 years by SGC
- Statewide in 1991
- Last renewed on December 2001
- Program sunsets March 31, 2011
- SGC Regulation 19.34.6





# HSP Sunsetting Provision

- **TITLE 19: NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**
- **CHAPTER 34: WILDLIFE HABITAT AND LANDS**
- **PART 6: PUBLIC LAND USER STAMP (SIKES ACT)**
- **19.34.6.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
- [19.34.6.1 NMAC - Rp 19 NMAC 34.1.1, 12-28-01]
- **19.34.6.2 SCOPE:** The Department of Game and Fish and all persons who may hunt, fish and/or trap on land administered by the U.S. Forest Service or the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in the State.
- [19.34.6.2 NMAC - Rp, 19 NMAC 34.1.2, 12-28-01]
- **19.34.6.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide the New Mexico Game Commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected species. Public Law 93-452 (Sikes Act) permits the State and the Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Interior to enter into agreements for the issuance of public land management stamps.
- [19.34.6.3 NMAC - Rp, 19 NMAC 34.1.3, 12-28-01]
- **19.34.6.4 DURATION:** March 31, 2011

Change to 2021



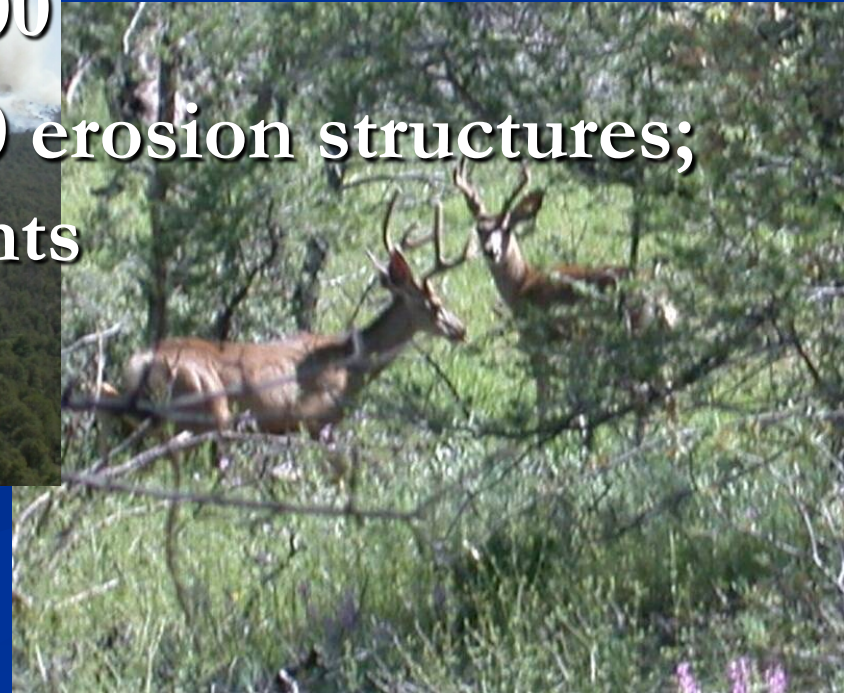
# Renewal Strategy

- Closely involve SGC
  - Discussion Sept. 2009
  - Discussion Apr. 2010
  - Action on Jul. 2010
- Future visits to improve Program operations



# Burro Mtn. Landscape near Silver City

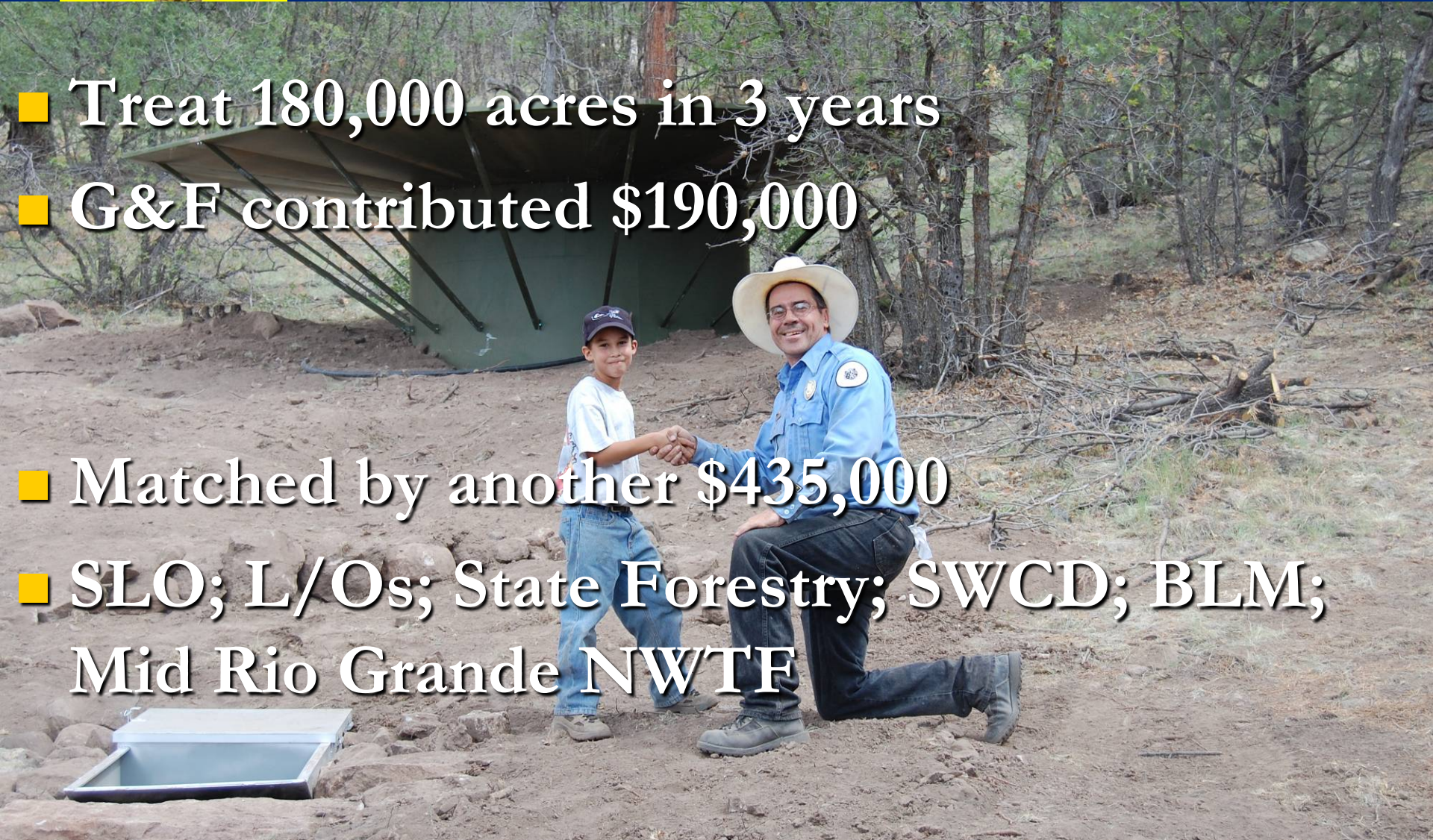
- SWCD; L/Os; Env. Dep.; NGOs
- G&F contributed \$300,000
- Matched another \$640,000
- Treated 50,000 acres, 200 erosion structures;  
and 15 water developments





# Pelona-Luera Landscape in GMU 16E

- Treat 180,000 acres in 3 years
- G&F contributed \$190,000
- Matched by another \$435,000
- SLO; L/Os; State Forestry; SWCD; BLM; Mid Rio Grande NWTf



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- **Preferences**
- **Advice**

