

# Scientific and Educational Use of Wildlife

Chapter 17 requires a person to have a permit or license to take or possess protected wildlife species.



# Currently, two rules govern these permit processes.

- 19.35.6 Educational Use of Wildlife—last revised in 1994
- 19.36.2 Taking and Possessing Protected Wildlife for Scientific and Educational Purposes—last revised in 1996



- These two rules partially overlap, generating confusion
- The outdated permit process is not in line with the other Special Use of Wildlife Permits that the Department issues, and places an undue burden on permittees and the Department.



# Proposal

- Repeal both rules
- Replace them with a single rule: a new version of 19.35.6 NMAC



# What will this do?

- Establish a more efficient process for applying for a permit.
- Establish a more efficient process for issuing a permit.
- Ensure that rules and procedures are in line with current statutes



# WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

- A draft amendment has been posted
- Internal review continues
- To date no public comments have been received



# WHAT'S NEXT?

- We will continue to seek public input on the proposed draft
- Present the draft amendment to the Commission for recommendation and/or approval at the next scheduled Commission meeting



# Discussion



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