



Your Purchase Benefits Wildlife and Habitat Across the State

Your purchase today of a hunting license not only offers you the chance for a great hunting experience in New Mexico, but also benefits wildlife and the different habitats across the state that are so critical to maintaining and fostering wildlife populations.

When you buy a hunting license and habitat stamp, purchase sporting equipment or support efforts such as our Share with Wildlife Program, a portion of that money funds collaborative wildlife habitat restoration efforts. Over the next five years, the department has earmarked over \$25 million in support of those efforts.

Working with partners including the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Forestry, the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, sporting groups, livestock permittees, private landowners, and many others, the department backs large-scale wildlife habitat restoration projects all around the state, including State Trust Lands.

Native grasslands are restored by thinning invading junipers, removing encroaching shrubs, and eliminating weeds. Natural low intensity prescribed fire is returned to forests to lessen the threat of catastrophic wildfire and foster the growth of grasses, flowers and shrubs important to deer, elk, wild turkey, quail, and other wildlife. Stream edges are planted with native willows and cottonwoods. Water availability to wildlife is improved through the construction of supplemental water sources and the restoration of wetlands and springs. There is a new urgency and commitment to improve habitat over large acreages in order to have a truly meaningful impact on wildlife and watershed health.

In the southwestern part of the state, the department is working with the Wild Turkey Federation, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other partners to restore tens of thousands of acres of forest and grassland critical to elk, mule deer, pronghorns and wild turkeys.

In Game Management Unit 51, near the villages of Canjilon, Tierra Amarilla and Tres Piedras, the department is spending millions of dollars in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts and New Mexico State Forestry to thin forests, restore grasslands and improve water availability.

In Game Management Unit 34 in the Sacramento Mountains, the department is working with the Lincoln National Forest, City of Alamogordo, livestock producers and others to thin forests, restore grasslands, and improve water availability for the benefit of wildlife, sportsmen and women, livestock, and municipal water supplies.

Your purchase of a hunting license does much more than provide you an opportunity to harvest game, it helps ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy our treasured natural resources. Thank you for supporting one of New Mexico's great cultural traditions.

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