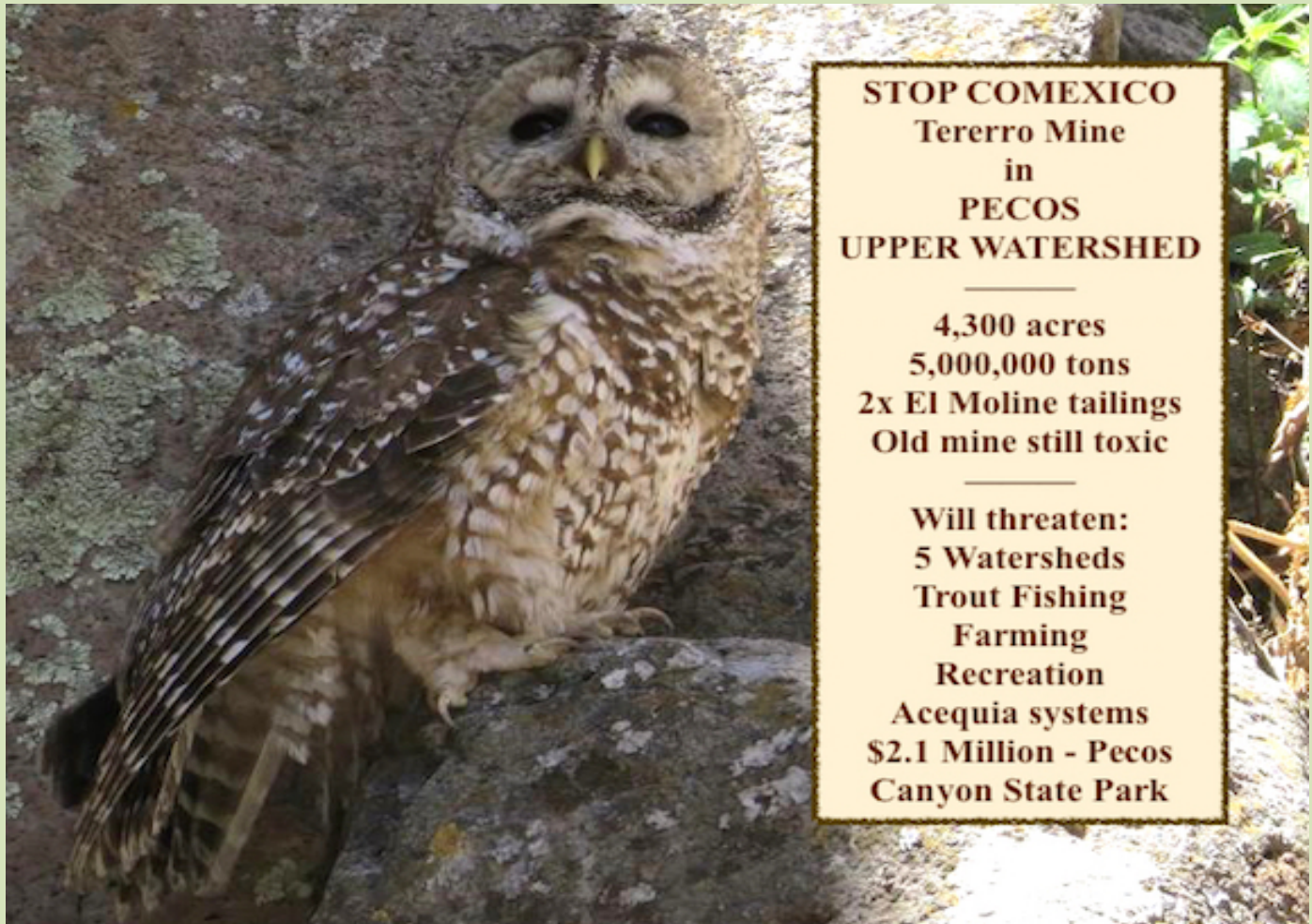


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Protect Pecos River Canyon: Comexico's proposed Tererro Mine



Mexican Spotted Owl is found in Pecos River Canyon

Photo by Mary Katherine Ray

Actions Taken

- Northern NM Sierra Club – UPWA co-host the TERERRO BASH at Hondo 2 Fire Station. Over 100 residents, speakers and elected officials attend. Governor Lujan Grisham opposes mine.
- Scoping Letter of concern to Santa Fe National Forest signed by 14 watershed, acequia, and conservation and wildlife organizations.
- Concerned residents sent over 2,500 written comments to Santa Fe National Forest as well as dozens of northern N.M organizations joined under <https://stopterromine.org/>

You can participate in the N.M. Wildlife Corridors Action Plan

Participation in the public meetings is not mandatory to provide input. Comments can be provided through email, meetings, and personal interactions with NMDOT and NMDGF personnel. Additionally, written comments on the Plan can be provided by mail to the following: Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Attn: Wildlife Corridors Action Plan, 6020 Academy Road NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87109; by email: Wildlife.Corridors@state.nm.us ; or in person at one of the meetings listed below.

Comments for this stage of the process accepted through April 18, 2020. Especially helpful are YOUR SIGHTINGS of wildlife-vehicle accidents and wildlife mortality locations on NM highways.

Wildlife Corridors Public Meeting Locations and Dates

Santa Fe	Santa Fe Higher Education Center, 1950 Siringo Road	Tuesday, March 3, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Farmington	McGee Park, 41 County Road 5568, Multi-Purpose Building (located south of Sun Ray Park & Casino)	Thursday, March 5, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Las Cruces	NMDGF Office, 2715 Northside Drive	Tuesday, March 10, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Santa Clara (Silver City)	Santa Clara Community Center, 11990 Hwy 180 E., Santa Clara	Wednesday, March 11, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Roswell	NMDGF Office, 1615 West College Boulevard	Thursday, March 12, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Taos	Sagebrush Inn, 1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur	Wednesday, March 18, 2020	6:30-8:00pm

Watch "What is a Wildlife Corridor" (CAVU):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzmFCYsmcCE&feature=youtu.be&mc_cid=50849370a0&mc_eid=7c26304892

Other Current issues:

Urban Infill - the Northern Group asked Santa Fe Mayor Alan Webber to prod finalists for redeveloping the College of Santa Fe property to work toward net zero use of energy as well as net zero water consumption. The City's team immediately relayed our "ask" to the finalists with the intent of working toward the energy and water targets. A tour of the adjacent Higher Education Center building was arranged to see exactly what goes into a net zero energy building. (Contact: joseigner@gmail.com)

Transport of Nuclear Waste on 285 South - Our Santa Fe County stretch of Highway 285 South has been used by WIPP trucks for sometime. LANL is now being asked by the Federal Government to produce 30 plutonium pits a year. (The Los Alamos Study Group led by Greg Mello) has determined that this planned expansion would affect residents on 285 by increasing the mass of plutonium transported by over 100 times what it is now.

State Forest Action Plan (FAP)

Webinar & Strategy Meeting for FAP Assessment Committee was held in late January and draft mapping of threats and assets were presented. "Probability and intensity" of threats were evaluated for wildfire, urban forest, key natural resources, indigenous cultural areas, important plant areas, biodiversity and species of conservation need, carbon balance and overall climate change. A meeting will be held on April 7th for review of the Assessment Committee's findings.

Public Lands

Caja del Rio Recreational Shooting (Camel Tracks, Buchman, San Pedro) Three meetings with Santa Fe County, BLM, Santa Fe National Forest, Department Game and Fish, and stakeholder groups will take place February-March to address issues of illegal shooting, trash, vandalism, wildlife harassment and mortality on the Caja Mesa. Recommendations will be made in March. (Contact: ctc.seamster@gmail.com)

Volunteer Positions at the Northern Group. Call if you are interested!

- *Treasurer* - please contact Northern Group Chair: jbuchser@comcast.net
- *Volunteer Coordinator (tabling, canvassing)* - jbuchser@comcast.net
- *Hike leaders* - please contact Northern Outings Leader: nm5s@yahoo.com
Or call: 505-983-2703 (Leave name and number)