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We appreciate the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (Department) producing a revised State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) dated July 29, 2016. The previous plan was completed in 2006 titled “Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy for New Mexico”. The revised document states “The intent of the SWAP is to provide an assessment of the species, habitats, threats, and potential conservation actions for habitats and associated wildlife to inform natural resource managers in New Mexico.” This document is the only one of its kind that addresses the state’s wildlife. To ensure the future health of wildlife populations, both game and nongame species, the entire ecosystem must be addressed, and your plan does that.

Many agencies can use the Plan to guide and support their conservation. This plan is also essential in obtaining funding for conservation. The Department has received an average of \$1 million dollars per year from the State Wildlife Grants Program (<http://www.fws.gov/SWG>) which requires an approved Plan.

Because of the many benefits of the Plan and its implementation, we strongly support the completion of a revised Plan and encourage the Department to solicit and obtain additional funding for conservation measures specified in the Plan.

Let us know if we can assist you further.

Respectfully,

Brian Hanson, Chairman

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