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Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Summer 2023

Socials, Retreats and Guest Activities

Hosted by: New Mexico Department of Game and Fish



MONDAY, JULY 10




Directors and Commissioners Retreat

Join us on July 10 for an exciting day on the Rio Grande. The day will start with a visit to the Taos Gorge Bridge to discuss one of New Mexico's most well-known Bighorn Sheep herds. We will then head into Taos for a meeting and lunch. The afternoon will wrap up with a rafting trip down the Rio Grande.



Fisheries and Information and Education Chiefs Retreat


Get ready to step back in time at Bandelier National  Monument. Bandelier is 33,000 acres of rugged but beautiful canyon and mesa country that depicts evidence of a human presence here going back more than 11,000 years. Petroglyphs, dwellings carved into the soft rock cliffs, and standing masonry walls pay tribute to the early days of a culture that still survives in the surrounding communities.



Wildlife and Law Enforcement Chiefs Retreat

At the base of the Pecos Wilderness is the beautiful Cow Creek Ranch, a historic fly-fishing guest ranch. We will spend the day fishing, discussing the effects of historic wildfires in the West, and meeting amongst the pines.



► **GUEST TRIP:** Loretto Line Tour  Downtown Santa Fe Guided Tram Tour. We will jump aboard an open-air tram for a trip that includes historical areas in Santa Fe, including Canyon Road and its colorful art galleries, Santa Fe's Museum Hill area, the historic Santa Fe Plaza, the Palace of the Governors, and other notable locations in the heart of the oldest capital city in the United States. There will be plenty of time after the tour to go shopping or revisit some of these historic sites.

TUESDAY, JULY 11



- **GUEST TRIP:** Just outside Santa Fe, the small village of Pecos is a cultural crossroads through which hunters and gatherers, traders, conquerors and explorers, immigrants, soldiers, ranchers, and tourists passed. Walk the trails and imagine Pecos through the centuries. Explore sites where cultural demonstrations and traditional practices continue today — a living legacy of the people who passed this way.



Welcome Reception

Everyone is invited to the New Mexico History Museum for the Welcome Reception. Just a 6-minute walk (.3 miles from the Eldorado Hotel) the museum is a local landmark, and destination for anyone who wants to understand the diverse experiences of the people of New Mexico, the dynamics that have shaped our state, and the relationships that connect our region with the rest of the world.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12



- **GUEST TRIP:** El Rancho de las Golondrinas, located on 200 acres in a rural farming valley just south of Santa Fe, New Mexico, strives to maintain examples of historic lifeways.

THURSDAY, JULY 13



Matanza

Wrap up the week at our New Mexico Matanza. Everyone is invited to eat, drink, enjoy local music and celebrate a great week in The Land of Enchantment.