

**31st ANNUAL - NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY ♦
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

August 7, 2017 - August 10, 2017 - Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino
Mescalero Apache Reservation, New Mexico

Hosted By: Mescalero Apache Tribe

Sponsored By: Southwest Region, NAFWS

Theme: “Establishing Partnerships to Strengthen Our Efforts to Protect
and Manage Our Natural Resources.”

Monday, August 7, 2017

<p>9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. + Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Room:</p>	<p>Southwest Tribal Forum on Climate Change <i>Facilitator: Kevin Johnson, Coordinator, Southern Rockies Landscape Conservation Cooperative</i></p>
<p>9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. + Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Room:</p>	<p>Gray Wolf Management Workshop <i>Coordinator: Sarah E. Rinkevich, PhD, Endangered Species Biologist/DOI Tribal Liaison U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i></p>
<p>5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. + Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Room:</p>	<p>NAFWS SOUTHWEST REGION BUSINESS MEETING <i>Coordinators: Elveda Martinez, SW Region Board of Director Darren Talayumptewa, SW Region Board of Director</i></p>
<p>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Conference Center Foyer</p>	<p>Registration <i>Coordinators: Priscilla Avila, Environmental Protection Specialist, BIA – SW Regional Office Deann Lockwood, BIA - SW Regional Office</i></p>
<p>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Conference Center Foyer</p>	<p>Exhibitors/Vendor Set-up <i>Coordinator:</i></p>
<p>7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p><i>Orientation: Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Shoot Competition</i> <i>Coordinator:</i></p>
<p>7:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p>Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission Quarterly Meeting <i>Coordinators: Stuart Leon, Executive Director Steve Whiteman, Secretary/Treasurer</i></p>

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

<p>7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Conference Hall Foyer</p>	<p>Exhibitors/Vendor Set-up Coordinators:</p>
<p>7:00 a.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino Conference Center Foyer</p>	<p>Registration – All Day Coordinators: Priscilla Avila, Environmental Protection Specialist, BIA - SW Regional Office Deann Lockwood , BIA - SW Regional Office</p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 8:00 a.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p>Opening Ceremony Master of Ceremonies - Elveda Martinez , NAFWS Board of Director, SW Region Posting of the Colors – Invocation – Welcome Remarks <i>Danny H. Breuninger. Sr.</i>, President, Mescalero Apache Tribe <i>Kenny Blazer</i>, Mescalero Tribal Council, Chairman-Natural Resources Committee <i>Don Reiter</i>, President, NAFWS Board of Directors <i>Fred Matt</i>, Executive Director, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society <i>Darren Talayumptewa</i>, NAFWS Board of Director, SW Region</p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 9:00 a.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p> <p>Moderator: Elveda Martinez, NAFWS Board of Director, SW Region</p>	<p>Conference Overview – John Nystedt <i>Fish and Wildlife Biologist/AESO Tribal Coordinator</i> <i>Arizona Ecological Services Office – Flagstaff Sub-Office</i> <i>U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service</i></p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 9:15 a.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p> <p>Moderator: Elveda Martinez, NAFWS Board of Director, SW Region</p>	<p>Keynote Address: Tolani I. Francisco, DVM <i>Wild Horse and Burro Coordinator</i> <i>U.S. Forest Service</i></p>
<p>10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>BREAK - Sponsored By:</p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p> <p>Moderator: Elveda Martinez, NAFWS Board of Director, SW Region</p>	<p>Topic: Mescalero Apache Tribe – Natural Resource Management Tribal Show Case</p> <p>Presenters: TBD</p> <p>Moderator:</p>
<p>11:30 a.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</p>

<p>GENERAL SESSION 1:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p> <p>Moderator: Chase Voirin</p>	<p><i>Topic: Impacts of Illegal Marijuana Cultivation on Wildlife Management Activities on the San Carlos Apache Reservation</i></p> <p><i>Presenter: Tim Stevens, Director, San Carlos Recreation & Wildlife Department San Carlos Apache Tribe</i></p>
<p>CLEO TRAINING SESSION 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p>Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Training</p> <p><i>Topic: TBD</i></p> <p><i>Instructor:</i></p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 2:30 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p> <p>Moderator: Chase Voirin</p>	<p><i>Panel Discussion: Feral Horse Management</i></p> <p><i>Panelist: Ricardo Ortiz, Natural Resources, Pueblo of San Felipe Gloria Tom, Director, Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife Kenny Blazer, Chairman, Natural Resources Committee, Mescalero Apache Tribe</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Tolani Francisco, DVM; Wild Horse and Burro Coordinator, U. S. Forest Service</i></p>
<p>3:30 p.m. BREAK - Sponsored By:</p>	
<p>GENERAL SESSION 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p> <p>Moderator: Chase Voirin</p>	<p><i>Panel Discussion: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Native American Policy Implementation Plan</i></p> <p><i>Panelist: Scott Aikin, National Native American Programs Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Gloria Tom, Director, Navajo Nation Department. of Fish and Wildlife Joe Early, Native American Liaison, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Selso Villegas, Director, Water Resource Department, Tohono O’odham Nation</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Darren Talayumtewa, Director, Wildlife and Ecosystems Management Program, Hopi Tribe</i></p>
<p>5:00 p.m. ADJOURN</p>	
<p>6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Traditional Feast</p> <p><i>Hosted by: Mescalero Apache Tribe</i> <i>Location: (Maps will be Available)</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, August 9, 2017</p>	
<p>7:00 a.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p>Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Shoot Competition</p> <p><i>Coordinator: TBD</i></p> <p><i>Location: (Maps will be available)</i></p>
<p>8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>Coordinators: Priscilla Avila, Environmental Protection Specialist, BIA - SW Regional Office Deann Lockwood, BIA - SW Regional Office</i></p>

<p>8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ♦ Mescalero Fish Hatchery</p>	<p>Youth Education Seminar – <i>Coordinators: Chase Voirin, Shelley Battiest, Serra Hoagland, Deshante Mendez, Kelci Renshaw</i></p> <p>8:00 a.m. – Depart Inn of the Mountain Gods for Mescalero Fish Hatchery 8:30 a.m. – Ice Breaker at Hatchery – Presentations from the Staff</p> <p>Youth Education Seminar (continued)</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Hatchery Activity – Fish sampling-measuring fish 12:00 p.m. – Lunch (Will be provided) 1:00 p.m. – Fish Stocking at nearby creek 3:00 p.m. – Break 3:30 p.m. – Develop Power Point Presentation for Banquet Develop Demonstration Projects Presentation 5:00 p.m. – Adjourn – Return to the Inn of the Mountain Gods</p>
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Schedule of Concurrent Sessions • Wednesday August 9, 2017 • Morning Session			
Wednesday Aug. 9, 2017	CONCURRENT SESSION 1	CONCURRENT SESSION 2	CONCURRENT SESSION 3
	TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE	THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT	POLLINATORS AND INSECTS
Room	Dine – A	Dine – D	Dine – G
Moderator	Tim Smith Pueblo of Sandia	John Nystedt U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Megan Goyette Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
8:00 a.m.			
8:30 a.m.	<p><i>“Sacred Sites along the Lower Colorado River”</i></p> <p>Matthew Leivas, Sr. <i>Cultural Director Chemehuevi Tribe</i></p>	<p><i>New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Surveys on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation</i></p> <p>Aron Johnson <i>Wildlife Biologist Division of Wildlife Resource Mgmt. Southern Ute Tribe</i></p>	<p><i>Understanding the role of both past and present Climate Change on the Sacramento Mountains Checkerspot Butterfly (Euphydryas anicia cloudcrofti)</i></p> <p>Racheal Ryan <i>Wildlife Diagnostics, LLC</i></p>
9:00 a.m.	<p><i>TBD</i></p> <p>Loren Arkie <i>Pueblo of Laguna</i></p>	<p><i>Protected Species Management on the Navajo Nation</i></p> <p>Chad Smith <i>Zoologist Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Navajo Nation</i></p>	<p><i>The Bees in Your Backyard and in the Field</i></p> <p>Olivia Messinger Carrill <i>Author/Bee Expert Santa Fe, New Mexico</i></p>
9:30 a.m.	<p><i>Teaching Youth Through Traditional Foods</i></p> <p>Taylor O’Daye <i>College Intern Walker River Paiute Tribe</i></p>	<p><i>Southern Ute Natural Resources Program</i></p> <p>Steve Whiteman <i>Director Division of Wildlife Resource Mgmt. Southern Ute Tribe</i></p>	<p><i>Monarch Butterfly Conservation in the Southwest</i></p> <p>Magen Goyette <i>Wildlife Biologist Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge</i></p>
10:00 a.m.	BREAK – Sponsored By:		

	CONCURRENT SESSION 4	CONCURRENT SESSION 5	CONCURRENT SESSION 6
	TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE (Continued)	THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT	CLIMATE CHANGE
Room	Dine - A	Dine – D	Dine - G
Moderator	Tim Smith Pueblo of Sandia	John Nystedt U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Selso Villegas Tohono O’odham Nation
10:30 a.m.	<p><i>“How My Tradition was Close to the Heart to Reach My Goals”</i></p> <p><i>Lillian Chavez, Director Mescalero Library Mescalero Apache Tribe</i></p>	<p><i>A Summary of Mexican Spotted Owl Research in the Sacramento Mountains, New Mexico</i></p> <p><i>Serra J. Hoagland, PhD, CWB Liaison Officer/Biologist U.S. Forest Service</i></p>	<p><i>Climate Change 101 “Climate Science”</i></p>
11:00 a.m.	<p><i>“Traditional Knowledge From The Heart”</i></p> <p><i>Neil Smith (Retired) Elder Mescalero Apache Tribe</i></p>	<p><i>Trends from Decades of Rare Plant Monitoring on the Navajo Nation</i></p> <p><i>Nora Talkington Botanist Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife</i></p>	<p><i>Climate Change 102 “Adaptation Planning”</i></p>
11:30 a.m.	<p><i>“Tradition Against Time - Who Still Believes”</i></p> <p><i>Tim Smith Biological Technician Pueblo of Sandia</i></p>	<p><i>Gila Trout Recovery Mora Fish Hatchery</i></p> <p><i>Nathan Wiese Project Leader Mora National Fish Hatchery</i></p>	<p><i>Climate Change 103 “Adaptation Strategies”</i></p>
12:00 – 1:30 pm	<i>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</i>		

<p>1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p>Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Training</p> <p><i>Instructor:</i></p> <p><i>Topics: 1. Evidence Collection 2. Tools and Techniques of Wildlife Law Enforcement Investigation 3. Search and Seizure</i></p>

Schedule of Concurrent Sessions • Wednesday August 9, 2017 • Afternoon Session

Wednesday Aug. 9, 2017	CONCURRENT SESSION 7	CONCURRENT SESSION 8	CONCURRENT SESSION 9
	FISHERIES MANAGEMENT	TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

	PROGRAMS		
Room	Dine - A	Dine - D	Dine - G
Moderator	Chris Kitcheyan U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Melissa Mata U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Kai-t BlueSky Pueblo of Cochiti
1:30 p.m.	Trout Management on the Animas River, Southern Ute Indian Reservation Ben Zimmerman Fish Biologist Division of Wildlife Resource Mgmt. Southern Ute Tribe	Pueblo of Isleta Mark Dixon Natural Resource Manager Division of Natural Resources Pueblo of Isleta	Movements and Migration of Golden Eagles Tagged on Hopi Lands in Arizona Daniel E. Driscoll Bald/Golden Eagle Biologist American Eagle Research Institute Darren Talayumptewa Director Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystem Mgmt. Program Hopi Tribe
2:00 p.m.	Sport Fish Management on Morgan Lake Glenn Selby Fish Biologist Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Navajo Nation	Pueblo of Santa Ana	Tools for Land/Habitat Management on the Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge Shantini Ramakrishnan Research & Restoration Coordinator Denver Zoo @ Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge
2:30 p.m.	Fish Die-off – San Carlos Lake San Carlos Apache Reservation Daniel Juan Senior Wildlife Biologist San Carlos Recreation & Wildlife San Carlos Apache Tribe	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Hopi Hunting – Establishing Sound Management Practices Daniel Sorensen Game Biologist Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystem Mgmt. Program Hopi Tribe
3:00 p.m.	BREAK – Sponsored By:		
Wednesday Aug. 9, 2017	CONCURRENT SESSION 10 (continued) FISHERIES MANAGEMENT	CONCURRENT SESSION 11 TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAMS	CONCURRENT SESSION 12 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Room	Dine - A	Dine - D	Dine - G
Moderator	Chris Kitcheyan U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Priscilla Avila Bureau of Indian Affairs	Kai-t BlueSky Pueblo of Cochiti
3:30 p.m.	Potential Restoration of Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout to Mescalero Tribal Lands Dr. Collen Caldwell New Mexico State University	Tribal Youth at Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery: Past and Present Tori Marden Assistant Hatchery Manager Mescalero Tribal Fish Hatchery	Feral Horse Inventory Chad Smith Zoologist Navajo Nation Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Navajo Nation
4:00 p.m.	Monitoring Lakes for Sportfish: Techniques to Management Eric Mammoser Warm Water Fisheries Biologist New Mexico Department of Game and Fish	Inspirational Learning Experience Walker Ow-Wing College Intern Walker River Paiute Tribe	Mescalero Big Game Hunts Jennifer Smith Wildlife Biologist Mescalero Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs

4:30 p.m.	<p>Partnerships and Management of Recreational and Native Fish Conservation on Tribal Lands</p> <p>D. Chris Kitcheyan Supervisory Fish Biologist New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p>	<p>Project Based Learning: A Tool for Engaging Youth</p> <p>Angela James Fish Biologist New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p>	TBD

5:00 p.m.	ADJOURN
6:30 p.m. ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino	<p>BANQUET - MC – Darren Talayumptewa, SW Region Board of Director</p> <p>Banquet Keynote Speaker: Elveda Martinez, Southwest Region, Board of Director</p> <p>Student Presentations – Youth Education Seminar</p> <p>NAFWS – SW Region Scholarship Presentations</p> <p>Conservation Officer Shoot Team Awards</p> <p>Live/Silent Auction/Raffle</p>

Thursday, August 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino	<p>Presentation: Forest Product Collection for Ceremonial Use</p> <p>Presenter: Yolynda Begay, Tribal Relations Program Manager, Southwest Region, U. S. Forest Service</p>
Moderator:	
9:15 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino	<p>Presentation: U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service / Bureau of Indian Affairs Update/U.S. Forest Service What's In Store for 2017/2018</p> <p>Presenter: Scott Aikin – National Tribal Liaison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Dave Wooten – Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central Office Yolynda Begay – Tribal Relations Program Manager, Southwest Region, U.S. Forest Service</p>
Moderator:	
10:15 a.m.	BREAK – Sponsored By:
10:30 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino	<p>Presentation: Professional Career Development in Wildlife Management</p> <p>Presenter: Gina Main, Executive Director, National Conservation Leadership Institute & Director of Professional Development Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Management Assistance Team</p>
Moderator:	

<p>11:30 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p> <p>Moderator:</p>	<p><i>Open Discussion: What is the Future for the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society??</i></p>
<p>12:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino</p>	<p>ADJOURN – Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Southwest Regional Conference</p> <p>Board of Directors – Darren Talayumptewa, SW Region, NAFWS Elveda Martinez, SW Region, NAFWS</p> <p><i>Closing Prayer :</i></p> <p><i>Retiring of the Colors:</i></p>
	<p>Lunch On Your Own</p>

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