

**34th ANNUAL
NATIVE AMERICAN FISH & WILDLIFE SOCIETY
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE**

AUGUST 22, 2022 - AUGUST 25, 2022

**SANTA ANA STAR CASINO HOTEL
Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico**

Hosted By: Pueblo of Santa Ana

Sponsored By: Southwest Region, NAFWS

**Theme: "One Life, One World, One Sky, Learning from Mother Nature and
Accepting Her Teachings"**

Monday, August 22, 2022	
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino/Hotel Room: Sacramento	<p><i>Workshop: TRIBAL FERAL HORSE MANAGEMENT ISSUES</i></p> <p><i>Coordinator: Tolani Francisco, DVM, MPH Wild Horse and Burro Coordinator U. S. Forest Service Southwestern Regional Office</i></p> <p>SEE ATTACHED AGENDA LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</p>
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Manzano	<p><i>Workshop: CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES</i></p> <p><i>Coordinator: Selso Villegas, Director, Water Resources Department, Tohono O'odham Nation</i></p> <p>SEE ATTACHED AGENDA LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</p>
10:00 AM	BREAK SPONSORED BY: CKP INSURANCE, LLC
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Cimarron	<p><i>Workshop: CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TRAINING</i></p> <p><i>Topic: WILDERNESS FIRST AID</i></p> <p>SEE ATTACHED AGENDA LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</p>
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Conference Center Foyer	<p>Registration</p> <p><i>Coordinators: Priscilla Avila, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs - SW Regional Office</i></p>
3:00 PM	BREAK SPONSORED BY: SW TRIBAL FISHERIES COMMISSION

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom	Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission Quarterly Meeting <i>Coordinator: Adam Ringia, Executive Director, Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission</i>
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom	Orientation: SW Region - Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Shoot Competition <i>Coordinators: Sgt. Beaufort Joe, Game Warden, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation/Three Affiliated Tribes</i> <i>Eldridge Vigil, Conservation Officer, Jicarilla Game and Fish Department</i>
Tuesday, August 23, 2022	
6:00 a.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Conference Center Foyer	Registration – All Day <i>Coordinators: Priscilla Avila, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs - SW Regional Office</i>
GENERAL SESSION 8:00 a.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom	Opening Ceremony <i>Master of Ceremonies – Darren Talayumtewa, NAFWS Board of Director, SW Region</i> <i>Posting of the Colors – SW Region Conservation Law Enforcement Officers</i> <i>Invocation – Pueblo of Santa Ana</i> <i>Welcoming Remarks:</i> <i>Joseph Sanchez, Governor, Pueblo of Santa Ana</i> <i>Amy Lueders, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – SW Region</i> <i>Patricia Mattingly, Regional Director – Bureau of Indian Affairs, SW Regional Office</i> <i>Julie Thorstenson, Ph.D., Executive Director, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society</i> <i>Selso Villegas, Director, Water Resources Department, Tohono O'odham Nation, NAFWS Board of Director, SW Region (Alternate)</i>
GENERAL SESSION 9:00 a.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom <i>Moderator: Darren Talayumtewa</i>	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>
GENERAL SESSION 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom <i>Moderator: Darren Talayumtewa</i>	Keynote Address: Gregory Cajete, Ph.D. <i>Scholar, Educator and Author</i> <i>University of New Mexico and Santa Clara Pueblo</i>
10:00 a.m.	BREAK - Sponsored By: First Nations Development Institute

GENERAL SESSION 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. + Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande <i>Moderator: Darren Talayumtewa</i>	Topic: – Department of Natural Resources – Pueblo of Santa Ana Presenter: Glen Harper, Range and Wildlife Division Manager – Pueblo of Santa Ana
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<p>NAFWS SW REGION BUSINESS MEETING 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom</p>	<p>NAFWS SOUTHWEST REGION BUSINESS MEETING Coordinators: Darren Talayumptewa, SW Region Board of Director Selso Villegas, SW Region Board of Director (Alternate) LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED</p>
<p>TRAINING SESSION 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Sierra Blanca</p>	<p>Workshop: CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TRAINING Topic: WILDERNESS FIRST AID</p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: Darren Talayumptewa</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Native American Policy – Implementation Update Discussion: Wes Foster Native American Liaison - Southwest Region U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Moderator: John Nystedt, Fish and Wildlife Biologist/AESO Tribal Coordinator Arizona Ecological Services Office – Flagstaff Sub-Office U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service</p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: Darren Talayumptewa</p>	<p>Presentation: Recovering America's Wildlife Act & Tribal Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act Presenters: Shailyn Wiechman, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator, NAFWS Julie Thorstenson, Ph.D., Executive Director, NAFWS Gloria Tom, Director – Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife</p>
<p>3:00 p.m. BREAK – Sponsored By: First Nations Development Institute</p>	
<p>GENERAL SESSION 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: Darren Talayumptewa</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: NAFWS – Creating Meaningful Collaborations Panelists: Joe Jojola - Retired – Wildlife Biologist – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BIA and White Mountain Apache Tribe John Antonio – Retired – Wildlife Biologist – Navajo Nation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BIA and Tribal Politics Arthur “Butch” Blazer – Retired – BIA Natural Resource Manager – New Mexico State Forestry, U.S. Forest Service and Tribal Politics Moderator: Gloria Tom, Director, Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife</p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: Darren Talayumptewa</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Women in Natural Resource Management Panelists: Charlene Carr, NMSU Agriculture Extension Agent, Southern Pueblos Agency Yolynda Begay, District Ranger/Mount Taylor, USDA Forest Service Thora Padilla, Director, Division of Resource Management and Protection, Mescalero Apache Tribe Moderator:</p>
<p>GENERAL SESSION 4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: Darren Talayumptewa</p>	<p>Presentation: Wildlife Diseases Presenter: Tolani Francisco, DVM, MPH Wild Horse and Burro Coordinator U. S. Forest Service Southwestern Regional Office</p>
<p>5:30 p.m. ADJOURN</p>	

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom	Mexican Wolf – Tribal Working Group Meeting Coordinator: Sarah E. Rinkevich , PhD, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Wednesday, August 24, 2022	
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Conference Center Foyer	Registration Coordinators: Priscilla Avila , Environmental Protection Specialist, BIA - SW Regional Office
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel	Conservation Law Enforcement Shoot Competition Firearms Instructor: Beaufort Joe , Game Warden, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation/Three Affiliated Tribes Location: Santa Ana PD Firearms Range Frontage Road Placitas, New Mexico 87043 GPS Waypoints – 35.3412736, 106.5050050

Schedule of Concurrent Sessions • Wednesday - August 24, 2022 • Morning Session			
Wednesday 8/24/ 2022	CONCURRENT SESSION 1 TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE	CONCURRENT SESSION 2 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT	CONCURRENT SESSION 3 CLIMATE CHANGE
Room	SACRAMENTO	MANZANO	CIMARRON
Moderator	Priscilla Avila Bureau of Indian Affairs	John Nystedt U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Selso Villegas Tohono O'odham Nation
8:00 a.m.	Relationship to the Universe - Implementation of TEK in Natural Resource Management Kai-t Blue Sky Community Based Education Program Santa Fe Indian School	Update on Listing of the Penasco least chipmunk as an Endangered Species with Critical Habitat Mark Brennan Fish and Wildlife Biologist New Mexico ES Field Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Do Climate Adaptation Plans Really Work? Selso Villegas Director, Water Resources Department Tohono O'odham Nation
8:30 a.m.	The Importance of Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Developing Natural Resource Management Plans Victoria Atencio Director – Dept. of Nat. Res. Pueblo of Nambe	California Condor Recovery and Tribal Coordination Ashleigh Blackford California Condor Coordinator U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	BIA Climate Change Update Chris Kitcheyan Wildlife Biologist Bureau of Indian Affairs Southwest Regional Office

9:00 a.m.	Cultural and Sacred Site Protection Crystal Miller MS American Indian Studies Arizona State University Walker River Paiute College Intern	Update – New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse Aaron Johnson Wildlife Biologist Southern Ute Indian Tribe	Navajo Nation Climate Change Drought Tour Keith Howard Wildlife Technician Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife
9:30 a.m.	Santa Clara Canyon Community Based Wildland Fire Restoration Daniel Denipah Forestry Department Santa Clara Pueblo	Mesa Verde cactus (<i>Sclerocactus mesae-verdae</i>) Rangewide Survey and Status Update for the Navajo Nation Nora Talkington Botanist Navajo Natural Heritage Program	The Southwest Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu Cynthia Naha Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson Atherton Phleger Vice-Chairperson, Flower Hill Institute Principal, Rootstock Consulting
10:00 a.m.	BREAK – Sponsored By: USDA APHIS		
	CONCURRENT SESSION 4 POLLINATORS/INSECTS	CONCURRENT SESSION 5 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT	CONCURRENT SESSION 6 YOUTH INTERN PROGRAM
Room	SACRAMENTO	MANZANO	CIMARRON
Moderator	Priscilla Avila Bureau of Indian Affairs	John Nystedt U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Will OwWing Walker River Paiute Tribe
10:30 a.m.	Creating Pollinator Playlands on Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Land Victoria G. Olmstead Senior Environmental Specialist Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	UPDATE – Mexican Wolf Recovery Program Allison Greenleaf Wildlife Biologist Mexican Wolf Recovery Program U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Natural Resource Management Academy through Community Based Education: Indigenous Perspective Kai-t Blue Sky Community Based Education Program Santa Fe Indian School
11:00 a.m.	White nose Syndrome Information and Update for New Mexico and the Southwest Clinton Smith Fish and Wildlife Biologist NM ES Field Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Significance of the Northern Gray Wolf Sarah Rinkevich, PhD Fish and Wildlife Biologist U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tucson, Arizona	National Park Service Native American Youth Program Melissa Castiano Native American Affairs Liaison National Park Service
11:30 a.m.	Butterflies in New Mexico: Updates and Opportunities for Collaborative Conservation Elizabeth “Betsy” Bainbridge Fish and Wildlife Biologist NM ES Field Office U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Species at Risk Pro Active Collaboration and Efforts to Prevent Endangered Species Listings Ashleigh Blackford At-risk Species Program Lead Region 8 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Walker River Paiute Tribe Intern Program Will OwWing Student - University of Oregon Walker River Paiute Tribe
12:00 – 1:30 pm	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN		

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Conference Center Foyer Room: Sierra Blanca		Workshop: Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Training Topic: WILDERNESS FIRST AID	
Schedule of Concurrent Sessions • Wednesday – August 24, 2022 • Afternoon Session			
Wednesday 8/24/2022	CONCURRENT SESSION 7 HABITAT RESTORATION	CONCURRENT SESSION 8 FISHERIES MANAGEMENT	CONCURRENT SESSION 9 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Room	SACRAMENTO	MANZANO	CIMARRON
Moderator	Darren Talayumtewa Hopi Tribe	Chris Kitcheyan Bureau of Indian Affairs	Shailyn Wiechman Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
1:30 p.m.	Implications of Lead Exposure for Wildlife – Eagles, a Case Study and Opportunities for Improved Land Stewardship Vince Slabe Conservation Science Global, Inc.	Post-Wildland Fire Restoration on Willow Creek Jim Brooks Retired U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Interstate Migration of Elk and Mule Deer Kyle Tator Wildlife Biologist Jicarilla Game and Fish Department
2:00 p.m.	USFWS Funding Available to Tribes in the Southwest to Support Habitat Conservation Work Don Wilhelm Regional Coordinator Gwen Kolb NM State Coordinator Jennifer Kaplan AZ State Coordinator Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program	Angler Surveys on the Navajo Nation Glenn Selby Fish Biologist Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Game Navajo Nation	Wildlife Enhancement Project Pueblo of Jemez Aaron Cajero, Jr. Forestry Supervisor Natural Resources Department Pueblo of Jemez
2:30 p.m.	TBD	Fires and Fish Effects, Evacuation and Restoration Yvette Paroz Fisheries Program Leader USDA Forest Service Southwestern Region	Inventorizing Avian Species within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Boundaries Victoria G. Olmstead Senior Environmental Specialist Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
3:00 p.m.	BREAK – Sponsored By: USDA APHIS		

Wednesday May 22, 2019		CONCURRENT SESSION 10 FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (continued)	CONCURRENT SESSION 11 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (continued)
Room	SACRAMENTO	MANAZANO	CIMARRON
Moderator		Jennifer Johnson U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Shailyn Wiechman Native American Fish and Wildlife Society
3:30 p.m.		Jicarilla Fisheries Management Jacob Mazzone Fish Biologist Jicarilla Game & Fish Department	Wildlife Diseases of Concern and Outbreak Responses David Bergman State Director – Arizona USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
4:00 p.m.		To Hatchery, or Not to Hatchery That is the Question? Angela Palacios Fish Biologist U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Domestic Sheep/Goats vs. Bighorn Sheep – The Deadly Fight for Survival Bobby R. Duran Wildlife Biologist Division of Natural Resources Pueblo of Taos
4:30 p.m.		TBD	Navajo Mule Deer Migration Corridors Jessica Fort Wildlife Biologist Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife

5:00 p.m.	ADJOURN
6:30 p.m. ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom	NAFWS SW REGION BANQUET – SANTA ANA CASINO HOTEL MC – Darren Talayumptewa, SW Region Board of Director, NAFWS AWARDS: NAFWS SW Region Conservation Officer of the Year Award NAFWS SW Region Lifetime Achievement Awards NAFWS SW Region Scholarship Awards Southwest Region Conservation Officer Shoot Team Awards Live and Silent Auction

Thursday, August 25, 2022	
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: <i>David C. Kitchyan</i>	Presentation: Tribal Liaison Report - Region 8 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Presenter: Eldon Brown Native American Liaison – Region 8 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sacramento, California

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: David C. Kitchyan	Presentation: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Law Enforcement Presenter: Delivan J. Roper Special Agent - Office of Law Enforcement U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: David C. Kitchyan	Panel Discussion: Native Women Who Hunt Panelist: Jamie Arrive , Wildlife Biologist, Ute Indian Tribe Shailyn Wiechman , Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator, NAFWS Corey Lucero , Fish and Wildlife Biologist, NAFWS Moderator: Corey Lucero , Fish and Wildlife Biologist, NAFWS
10:15 a.m.	BREAK – Sponsored By: CKP Insurance, LLC
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: David C. Kitchyan	Presentation: The Wildlife Society – Tribal Partnership Initiative Presenter: Sarah Rinkevich , PhD Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tucson, Arizona
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: David C. Kitchyan	Presentation: Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission Report Presenter: Adam Ringia , Executive Director Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom Moderator: David C. Kitchyan	Presentation: National Park Service Presenter: Melissa Castiano Native American Affairs Liaison Regions 6,7 & 8 National Park Service
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. GENERAL SESSION ♦ Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel Room: Vista Grande Ballroom	ADJOURN – Native American Fish and Wildlife Society 34th Annual SW Regional Conference Board of Directors – Darren Talayumptewa , SW Region, NAFWS Selso Villegas , SW Region, NAFWS (Alternate) Closing Prayer: Pueblo of Santa Ana Retiring of the Colors: CLEO Officers
12:30 p.m.	Lunch On Your Own

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