



# NEW MEXICO WILD

FOSM Membership Meeting – September 1, 2026



# ABOUT NEW MEXICO WILD

- *“...dedicated to the protection, restoration, and continued enjoyment of New Mexico’s wildlands and wilderness areas...”*
- Founded formally as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1997.
- Grew out of the New Mexico Wilderness Study Committee, conceived in 1968 following the passage of the Wilderness Act to explore citizen opportunities to influence the designation of wilderness.
  - Citizen wilderness inventories + advocacy
    - Endangered Am. Wilderness Act of 1978, NM Wilderness Act of 1980
- Evolution of organizational strategy
  - Protection strategies + c4



# CAMPAIGN “WINS”

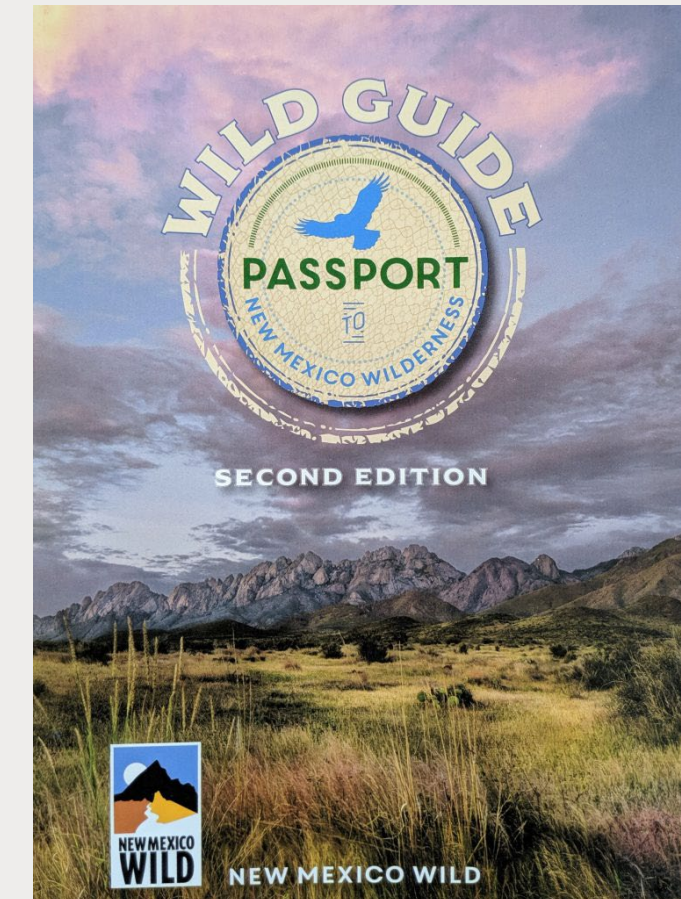
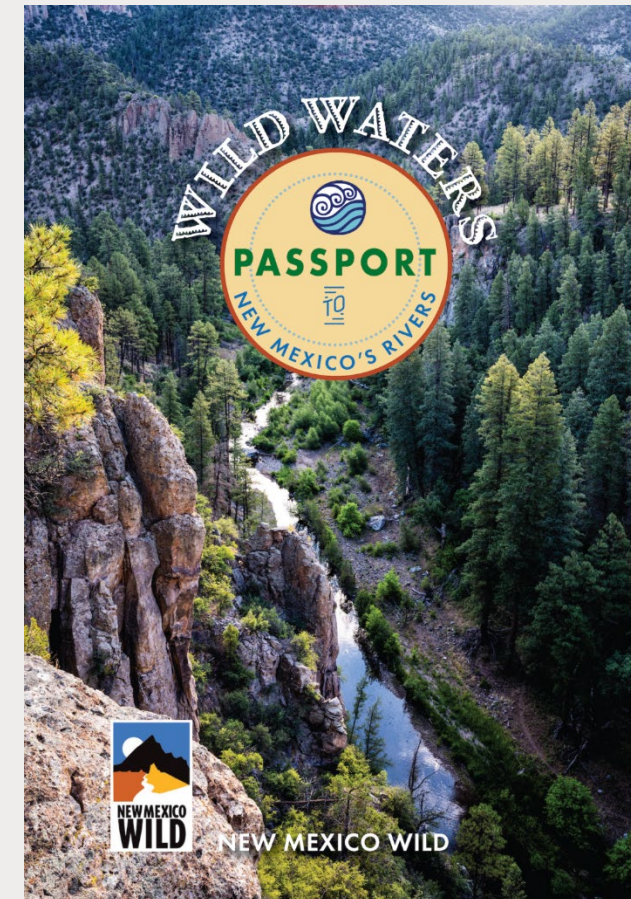
- Ojito Wilderness
  - 2005, 12,000 acres
- Sabinoso Wilderness
  - 2009, 16,000 acres -> 29,000 acres
- Rio Grande del Norte National Monument
  - 2013, 243,000 acres
- Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument
  - 2014, 496,000 acres
- Columbine-Hondo Wilderness
  - 2014, 44,000 acres
- Dingell Act
  - 2019, 13 wildernesses (in RGDN + OMDP), 270,000 acres
- Wildlife + Water
  - Wildlife Dept reform, water quality + quantity \$





# HOW WE DO OUR WORK

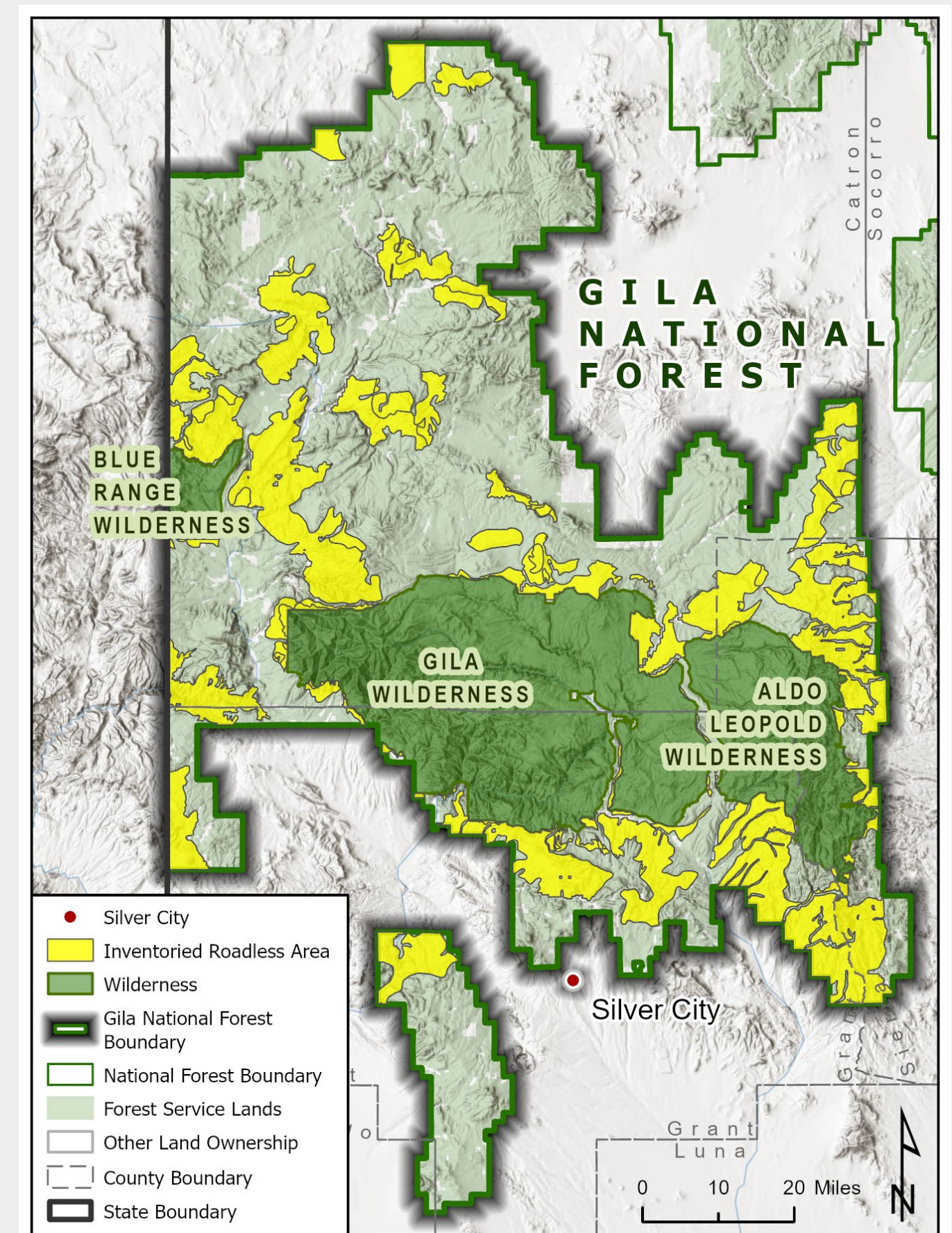
- Outreach
  - Outings
  - Presentations
  - Raising awareness about our public lands, wildlife, and water
- Advocacy
  - Centered in community + the land
  - Federal and state protections – legislative, executive, administrative
- Stewardship
  - Wilderness Rangers
  - Wildlands monitoring
  - Volunteerism





Public lands selloff threat

Roadless Rule





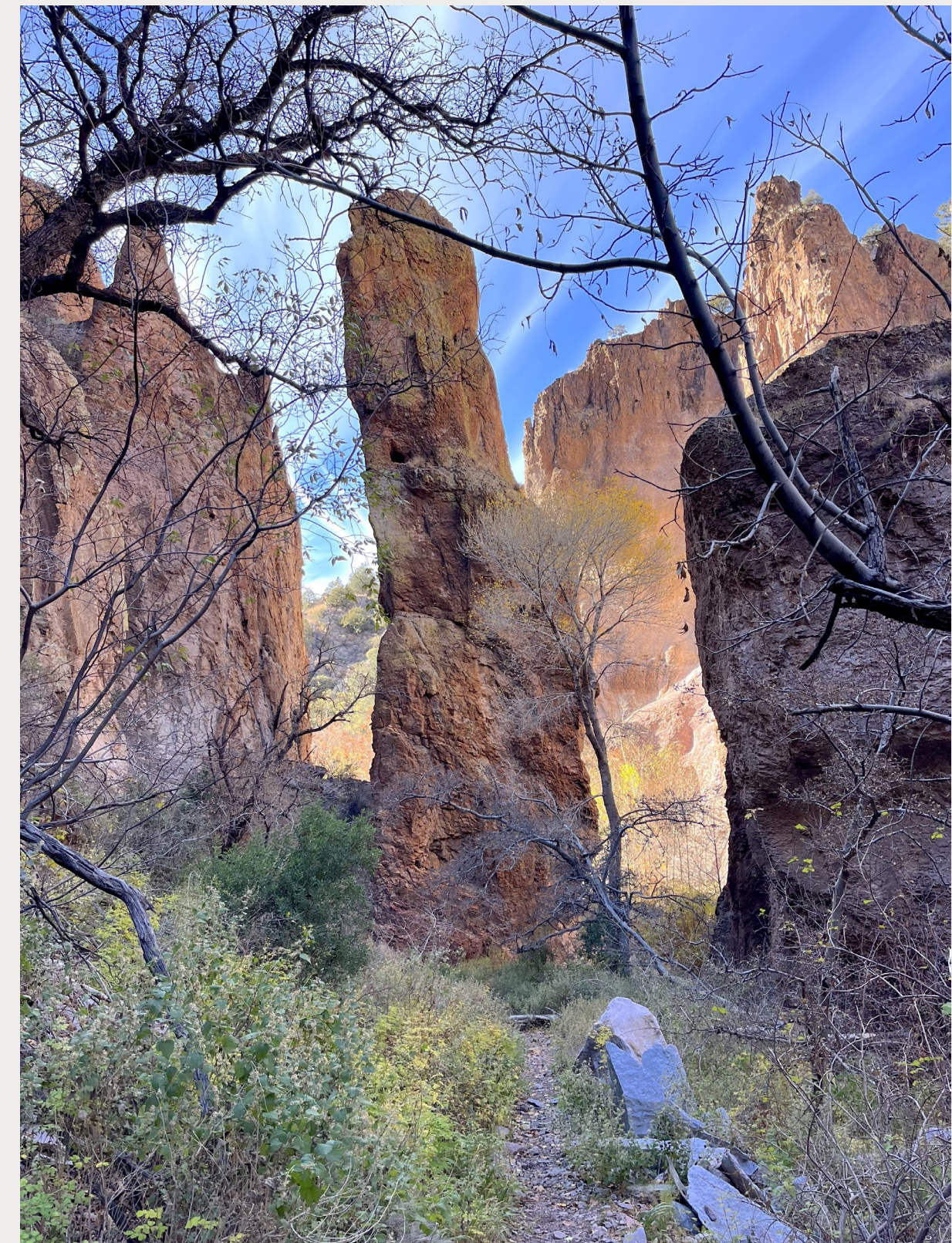
Current deregulatory efforts



Federal agency projects / NEPA



 Mining



 Gila Wild and Scenic



 Chaco Canyon



 Pecos Watershed



 Caja del Rio



 Mexican Wolf Recovery



 Rivers and waters



 Otero Mesa



# NEW MEXICO WILD'S STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

- Initially organizer- and campaign-based; limited scope
- Now encompasses a wide array of citizen science, monitoring, cleanup, restoration, and trail maintenance activities
- Funding through federal agency agreements, grants, and private donors
- Stewardship program continues to grow and evolve
  - Increasing share of non-federal funds
  - Urban communities and events
- Formed Wilderness Ranger Program in partnership with the Forest Service in 2017; work with BLM in 2023-24





# WILDERNESS RANGERS





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# THANK YOU

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