New Mexico
Policy Issues Summary

• Gila River Wilderness
  • 1924 Americas First Wilderness
  • Long protracted action
  • Water development was never feasible
  • Many Millions of Dollars were spent on delusional “studies”
  • Most recently water development projects shelved.
  • Nominated for Wild and Scenic Status
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New Mexico Stream Access
• Privatization of Public Waterways
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- All Waters of the State Belong to the Public, NM State Constitution
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- Coalition formation as litigation partners
- Pro bono constitutional attorney
- Writ of Mandamus now resides with the New Mexico Supreme Court
“Coalitions and Partnerships”
“New Mexico Paddlers Coalition”
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The Mission

• Maintain and Influence Access to Waterways

• Promote and Support Education and Conservation/Stewardship Initiatives

• Focus on Outdoor Ethics
Stewardship and Education Partners

And Growing
Stewardship Initiatives
Stewardship and Education Initiatives

- We are currently experiencing extraordinary use of our outdoor spaces
- It’s more than cleaning up trash
- Education Leadership needs to focus on the Ethics of Outdoor Use
  i.e. Leave no Trace, Pack it in Pack it out
New Mexico Paddlers Coalition

“The Access we enjoy today may be gone in the future depending on Conservation, Stewardship and Education”