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Preservation of 5,900 Acre Double E Ranch Celebrated at WNMU in Silver City

NM's Newest State Wildlife Management Area Will Permanently Protect and Restore Valuable Wildlife Habitat

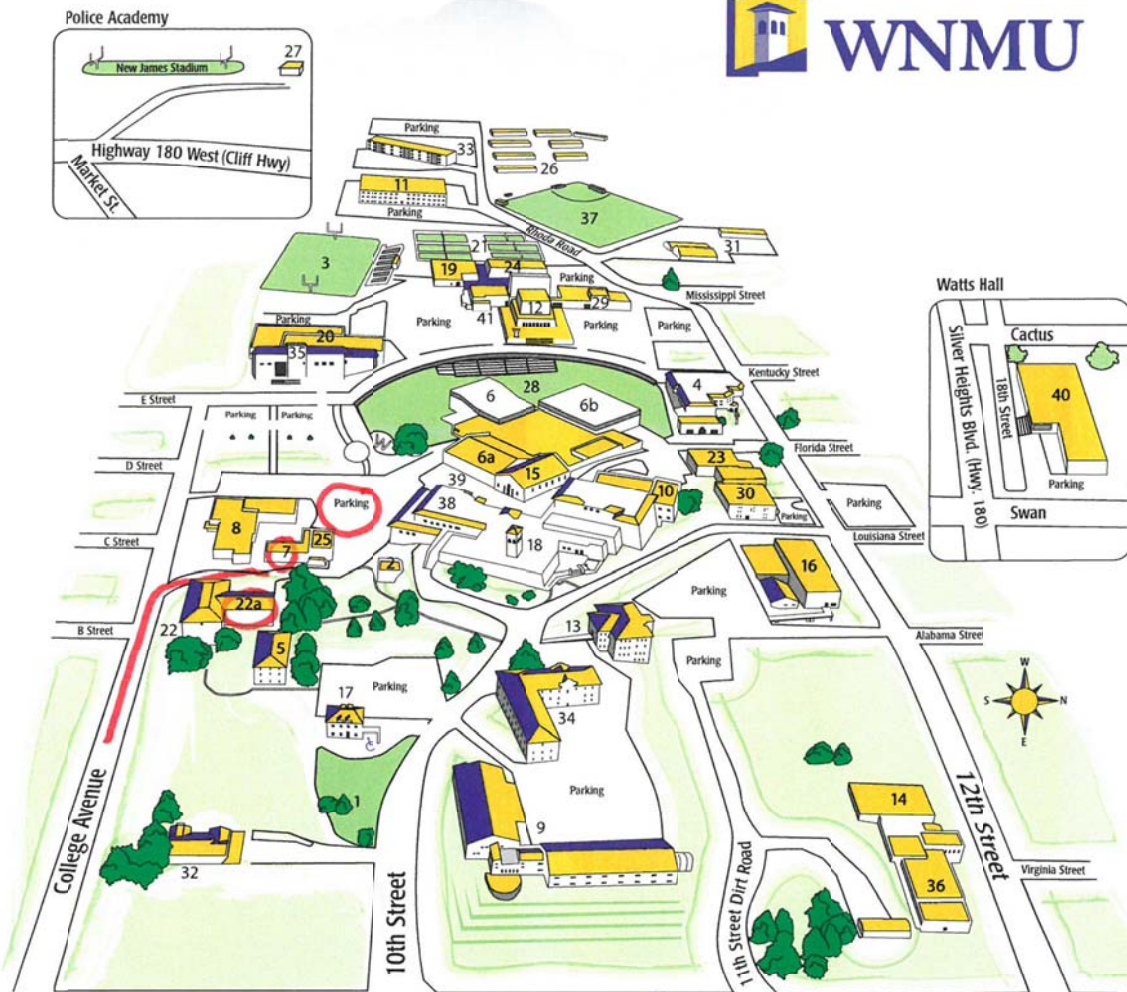
Santa Fe – The New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Trustee and the United States Department of the Interior completed a cooperative natural resource damage assessment associated with natural resources in New Mexico which had been injured, destroyed, or lost as a result of the release of hazardous substances into the environment. They solicited a broad range of ideas for potential restoration projects from local, state, and federal agencies; nonprofit organizations; stakeholder groups; and private citizens. The Double E Ranch was one of the top seven projects selected. With \$1.5M from the Natural Resource Damage settlement and \$1.5M from the New Mexico State Game Commission the Double E Ranch has been acquired to permanently protect and restore valuable wildlife habitat. The riparian habitat along the Bear Creek is critical for hundreds of migrating birds that visit the area.

Who: New Mexico Natural Resources Trustee & Environment Secretary **Ryan Flynn**
New Mexico Game and Fish Director **Alexa Sandoval**
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Deputy Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services,
USFWS, Southwest Region **Elizabeth Oms**
New Mexico Office of Natural Resources Executive Director **Rebecca Neri Zagal**
Hosted By: Western New Mexico University President **Joseph Shepard**

When: Tuesday, November 10, 2015
1:00 p.m. – Welcome - Refreshments and light snacks provided
1:30 p.m. – Double E Preservation Celebration Begins
2:15 p.m. – Media Interviews
2:30 p.m. – Double E Preservation Celebration Ends

Where: Western New Mexico University, Light Hall Patio
1000 College Avenue, Silver City, New Mexico, 575.538.6011 – See map on page 2.

For more information, please call Elysia Bunten, Office of Natural Resources Trustee at 505-222-9546.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alumni Garden 2. Barnard Hall – United Campus Ministry 3. Ben Altamirano Field 4. Besse-Forward Global Resource Ctr. GRCENT 5. Bowden Hall 6. Brancheau P.E. Complex PECOMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fieldhouse b. Intramural Gym 7. Campus Police 8. Castorena Hall - Administration Bldg. 9. Centennial Hall 10. Chino Bldg. CHINOB 11. Eckles Hall 12. Fine Arts Center Theatre FACTCR 13. Fleming Hall – University Museum FLMHHL 14. Glaser Hall GLASHL 15. Graham Gymnasium GRAGYM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Harlan Hall HARLHL 17. Hunter Hall HUNTHL 18. J. Cloyd Miller Library MLIBRY 19. James B. Fox Athletic Complex FOXCMP 20. Juan Chacon Bldg. JUANCB 21. Kilpatrick Tennis Courts 22. Light Hall LIGTHL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Light Hall Auditorium 23. Martinez - Fall Bldg. MARTNB 24. McCray Art Bldg. MCCRAY 25. M.E.Ch.A. Bldg. 26. Muir Heights (Family Housing) 27. New James Stadium JAMSTA – Police Academy (Off Campus) 28. Old James Stadium 29. Parotti Bldg. PAROTT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30. Phelps Dodge Bldg. PHELPB 31. Physical Plant 32. President's Residence 33. Regents Row (Apartments) 34. Ritch Hall 35. School of Nursing Bldg. NURSB 36. Sechler - Rhoades Hall SECHHL 37. Softball Field 38. Thomas B. McDonald Student Memorial Ctr. 39. Thomas B. McDonald Student Memorial Patio 40. Watts Hall (Off Campus) WATTHL 41. Webb Drama Bldg. WDRAMA |
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