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Nominations Being Accepted for 1st Annual Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

Santa Fe – Nominations are now being accepted for the first annual Governor's Environmental Awards. The new program is a cooperative effort of the New Mexico Environment Department, Energy Minerals, and Natural Resources Department, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Office of the State Engineer, and Office of the Governor.

The purpose of the program is to support, recognize, and celebrate the hard work of those New Mexicans dedicated to restoring and protecting the natural heritage and environmental health of our state. Successful candidates will have demonstrated commitment, collaboration, and innovation through projects resulting in measurable environmental benefits for the state of New Mexico.

The Deadline for nominations is March 18, 2015. Additional information and nomination forms are available online at: www.nmenv.state.nm.us/OOTS/GEEA.html

Award categories are: energy, environmental education, environmental leader of the year, land management, waste /pollution reduction, water, wildlife conservation, and youth projects.

Businesses, non-profits, federal agencies, regional governmental organizations, tribes and pueblos, land grants, civic organizations, NGOs, other groups, and individuals are eligible to apply. New Mexico State Agencies are not eligible.

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