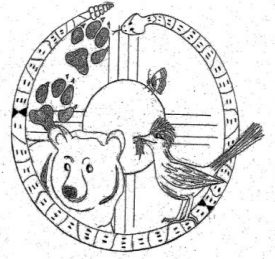


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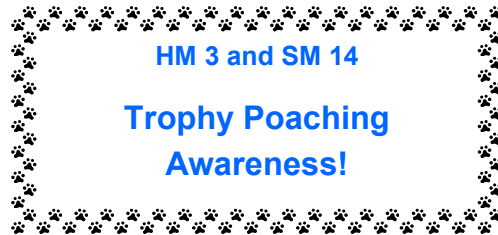
Wild Friends this year voted to work on a Trophy Poaching Awareness Memorial. Students learned that poaching has become the world's most profitable crime activity behind drugs and guns and has driven many species to the point of extinction.

Wild Friends students, in grades 4-7 from across the state, helped to draft a memorial (HM 3 – Stewart and SM 14 - Morales) to increase the penalty for certain poaching to a "4th degree" felony and to ask the Governor to declare a Trophy Poaching Awareness Day.



Students, along Rep. Stewart and NMGF spoke at the House Judiciary Committee on 1/31/14.

The students supported efforts by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, which reports that trophy poaching – illegally killing trophy animals solely for their heads and leaving the rest to waste is increas-



HM 3 and SM 14

Trophy Poaching Awareness!

Wild Friends Attracts Attention from TV, Radio and Print

Local TV, radio and print media are drawing attention to the problem of poaching and praising the work done by Wild Friends. An article on the KOB website called "[Young lobbyists want state to crack down on poachers](#)" quotes Wild Friend Dylan Martinez, a 7th grader at Rio Rancho Cyber Academy who wants to be a biologist.

89.1 KURU radio broadcasting in Silver City and on the website [Earth Matters](#) covered



the 2014 NM Legislature. Host Allyson Siwik interviewed New Mexico State Sen. Howie Morales, Molly Brook of Conservation Voters of NM, Dan Lormer, lobbyist for the Sierra Club and the local chapter of NM Wild Friends from Guadalupe Montessori School in Silver City who traveled to the Round House to testify in support of SM 14.

ing despite civil and criminal penalties and other efforts at deterrents. Both memorials passed, and the Department says this will help them to fight trophy poaching in the future.



Sen. Morales with students who testified in the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing on 2/12/14.



HM 3 passed with a unanimous vote and SM 14 passed by a 33-1 vote.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

This year was a 30 day session at the New Mexico Legislature, January 21—February 20, 2014.



This year in Pictures!

