Thoreau, Muir and Leopold recognized that land, water and air are basic to the survival of biologic systems and that they provide the beauty of place. Through evolution over millions of years these basic requirements for life have advanced a diversity of life that we must not allow to slip from our grasp. We recognize that each ecosystem is made up of thousands of living and nonliving parts that must be protected, and that we must not disrupt or destroy the least of these or we lose a part of ourselves.

We encourage you to become a part of this important effort to protect New Mexico's natural history. At the same time, the need for plant study programs in our schools from K–12, for university undergraduate and graduate research, and the survival of herbaria in New Mexico's colleges and universities, all require our support. If we are to protect the flora of New Mexico well into the future, NPSNM is one of the best hopes for covering budget shortfalls in education and research.

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