Maria Gibson

Name: Maria Gibson

Hometown: Los Alamos, NM

School: New Mexico State

Major: Rangeland Science

Exp. Graduation Date: May 2019

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About Yourself:

While I grew up in town in Northern New Mexico, most of my time was spent outdoors or around agriculture. I spent weekends, farming alfalfa, raising cattle and horses or in the outdoors hiking and fishing. Spending so much time at our ranches or in the mountains gave me a passion for the environment. I grew up knowing I wanted to help ranchers and farmers like those of my family. I am now a pathways student with the NRCS where I work to help ranchers and farmers to improve their land.

Career Experiences:

As a pathway student, I have got to help engineer multiple structures. I have also helped write grazing plans, do vegetation surveys, analyze soil health, and be involved in many other practices. I have also gotten to learn about brush management and pollinator habitat. This coming summer I will be learning about various irrigation systems and much more.

Skills:

Work with GPS/GIS, working with animals and Proximity collars, ATV, horseback riding, hiking, Lab work, working with various tractors and combines, public speaking, leadership, communication.

Plans after Graduation:

After graduation, I will continue work for the NRCS as a Rangeland Management Specialist. Continuing my passion of helping people help the land.

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

NMSU Range Club President

NRCT program

Society for Range Management NM section member

NRCS Earth Team Volunteer

NMSU NRCS Student Liaison