

Thomas Serrano



Name: Thomas Serrano

Hometown: Santa Fe, NM

School: New Mexico State University

Major: Wildlife Management and Conservation Ecology

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About Yourself:

I am Thomas Serrano from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Growing up in Northern New Mexico and going on long hunting trips with my dad, I fell in love ecology, and wanted to learn more about wildlife interact with each other, as well as the problems we have caused to this interaction. I am now pursuing a degree in Wildlife Ecology and Management. My hobbies include, hiking, camping, rock climbing, and taking long road trips.

Career Experiences:

I have worked most of my life working on my family's cattle ranch in Northern New Mexico. I have also worked on a Youth Conservation Corps Trail Crew Member at Bandelier National Monument and the Santa Fe National Forest. Furthermore, I have experience working as a Wildlife Tech for a NMSU graduate student studying the Organ Mountain Colorado Chipmunk. There I trapped small mammals, used radio telemetry, collected habitat and weather data, and analyzed camera traps photos. I had a brief internship with the New Mexico BLM State Office, where I learned how to use GIS. I am a sophomore in the Wildlife Science program at NMSU where I have learned about wildlife ecology and taxonomy.

Plans after Graduation:

My goal is to attend graduate school and work with a federal agency as a Wildlife Biologist working on conservation on our public lands.

Skills:

- Radio Telemetry
- ArcGIS
- Utilizing 4X4 vehicles
- GPS Navigation
- Small mammal trapping
- Working inclement weather in rough terrain
- Building and maintaining fence

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

- NMSU Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society
 - 2019-2020 President
- Southwest Natural Resource Career Track Program
- 2020-2021 National Student Exchange with the University of Montana