


Northern New Mexico Traditional Cultures Program

Carson and Santa Fe National Forests

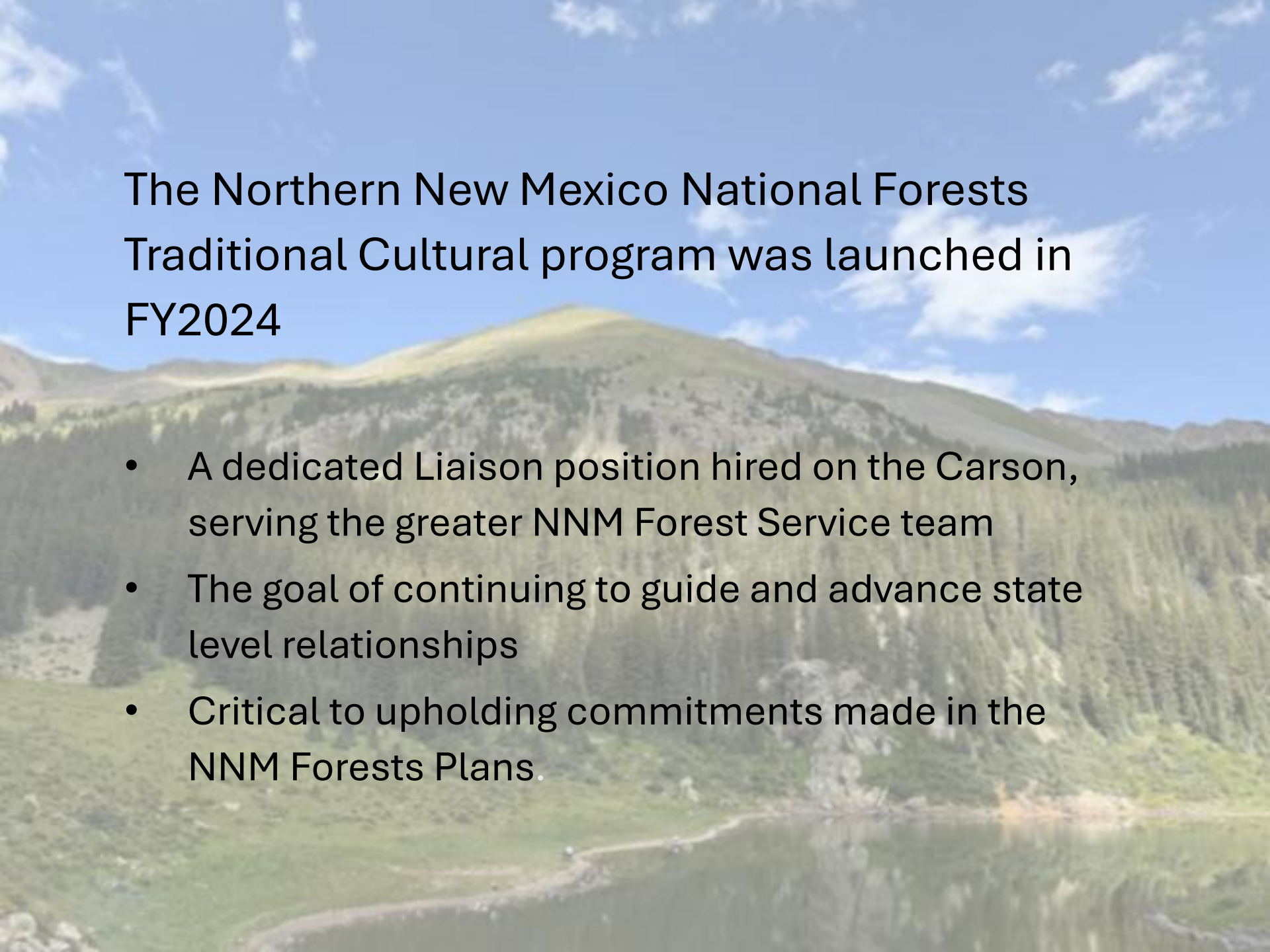
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A scenic landscape of a mountain range with a forested valley and a lake in the foreground. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The mountains are covered in green and brown vegetation, and the lake reflects the surrounding scenery.

Northern New Mexico Forests are dedicated to uphold our commitments to Rural Historic Communities, as outlined in our Forest Plans

- Community firewood programs
- Online permits for personal firewood
- Funding sources
- Partnerships
- Co-Stewardship opportunities



The Northern New Mexico National Forests Traditional Cultural program was launched in FY2024

- A dedicated Liaison position hired on the Carson, serving the greater NNM Forest Service team
- The goal of continuing to guide and advance state level relationships
- Critical to upholding commitments made in the NNM Forests Plans.

Some Updates.....

- Reestablishment of statewide agreements that allow for capacity to traditional communities to be attained while allowing traditional ecological knowledge to be organized and shared through ongoing collaborative engagements (current Draft MOU in review with NMLGC, NMAC, DoJ-Treaty Division)
- The Traditional Cultures Liaison provides representation at government and community meetings to ensure transparency and accountability from the Forest Service.

Some Updates.....

The Mayordomo Projects:

- Camino Real RD
 - La Merced de Santa Barbara (Peñasco area)
 - Rio de Las Trampas Forest Council (El Valle & Las Trampas area)
 - Rio de Don Fernando- Cañon Project (Taos Canyon area)
- Questa RD
 - Arroyo Hondo de Arriba Community Land Grant (Arroyo Hondo & San Cristobal area, north of Taos)

Some Updates.....

Las Trampas Forest Stewardship Unit (A joint project of the Rio de Las Trampas Forest Council, Forest Stewards Guild, and the Carson National Forest)

- In this 250-acre unit of the Carson National Forest, residents/leñeros are stewards of the land, one acre at a time. Leñeros receive permits to harvest wood from that acre, leaving marked trees and leaving the slash piled or lopped-and-scattered. The harvested wood may be used for personal use or commercial resale. When a one-acre block is completed and passes final Inspection by the Forest Mayordomo, the leñero is awarded a \$300 stipend

Las Trampas Forest Stewardship Project

- Goals of this Stewardship project are to:
 - 1. foster collaboration between the Camino Real Ranger District and residents living within the Las Trampas Land Grant;
 - 2. improve stewardship of the national forest adjacent to the villages;
 - 3. provide residents with greater access to forest products on federal lands;
 - 4. improve ecological health;
 - 5. protect and improve wildlife habitat;
 - 6. promote sustainable forestry;
 - 7. improve the economic viability of the forest and its natural resources;
and
 - 8. ideally, increase our ability to defend our watershed and communities from wildfire

Funding Opportunities

- Community Wildfire Defense Grants (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants/cwdg>)
- The USDA Forest Service has awarded Alliance for Green Heat \$1.4 million to carry out the fourth year of the Firewood Bank Assistance Program (<https://www.firewoodbanks.org/applynow>)
- USFS Wood Innovations (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/energy-forest-products/wood-innovation>)
 - Wood Innovations Grant Program
 - Community Wood Grant Program
 - Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance (WPIA) Grant

Funding Opportunities

Other sources (State Programs)

- Cultural Properties Restoration Fund Grant Program (Annual) (<https://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/assets/files/grants-cprf/2024/CPRF%20-%20Announcement.pdf>)
- Certified Local Government Grants (<https://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/programs/clg.html>)



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