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Governor Bill Richardson announces new home for The Wildlife Center

Santa Fe - Governor Bill Richardson attended a news conference today announcing the new location for the Wildlife Center. The Wildlife Center is a rehabilitation center for species of all kinds and a destination spot for tourists and educational field trips.

Governor Richardson made the following remarks:

'I am proud to be here to officially announce that the Wildlife Center has a new home; a permanent home and a home that can grow with the needs the Center.

Over the past 18 years, the Center has rehabilitated 22,000 animals of all species, provided over 300 educational programs and earned national recognition while working from three different locations on borrowed land. Now with the help of the City of Espanola, concerned New Mexicans like Dr. Ramsay and others and the Bureau of Land Management the Wildlife Center will now provide their services from a single location. Today the Wildlife Center will be housed on 20 acres of BLM land.

Now, for the very first time, I am happy to report that the new Wildlife Center will be open to the public. Students, tourists, New Mexicans from every walk of life will visit the center to learn more about our diverse wildlife. This will, I'm sure become an important addition to the New Mexico tourist industry.

Also at the new Wildlife Center, there will be an interactive indoor visitor space, wildlife viewing area where you can sit and observe eagles, outdoor trails and indoor educational space with snakes and lizards.

This Center is unique to New Mexico. It is the only wildlife rehabilitation facility in the state that can treat all species of animals in one location and that employs a full time medical director. The Wildlife Center will hold more birds than any other facility in the region.

I am excited to see this outstanding facility open and I expect that the entire regional economy and the quality of life of our children be benefited by its existence.”

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