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Re: **PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON OPEN SPACE, TRAILS AND PARKS
PROJECTS FROM MARCH 2018-MARCH 2019**

SUMMARY:

Open Space staff have completed numerous projects in the last year and accomplished many of the goals outlined in the Open Space, Trails and Parks (OSTP) Strategic Management Plan, as well as all of the open space property management plans.

BACKGROUND:

The Open Space Resource Management Specialist position and four open space maintenance technician positions were approved in 2018. Since those positions have come on board, OSTP has made incredible progress in implementing the adopted management plans. Some of the major goals in the management plans included

- 1) Monitoring,
- 2) Habitat Management, and
- 3) Project Development.

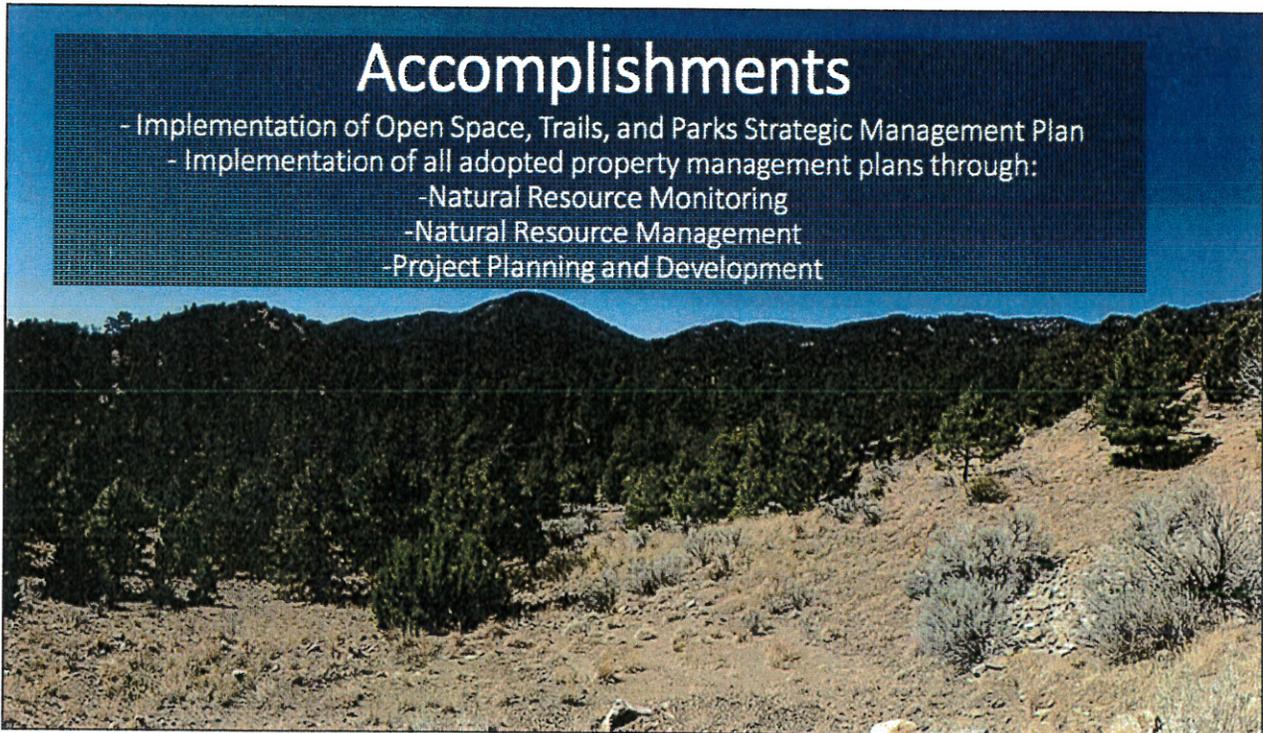
The presentation will highlight work accomplished in these three areas, and give examples of which properties have been worked on.

Open Space and Trails Program Accomplishments



Accomplishments

- Implementation of Open Space, Trails, and Parks Strategic Management Plan
- Implementation of all adopted property management plans through:
 - Natural Resource Monitoring
 - Natural Resource Management
 - Project Planning and Development

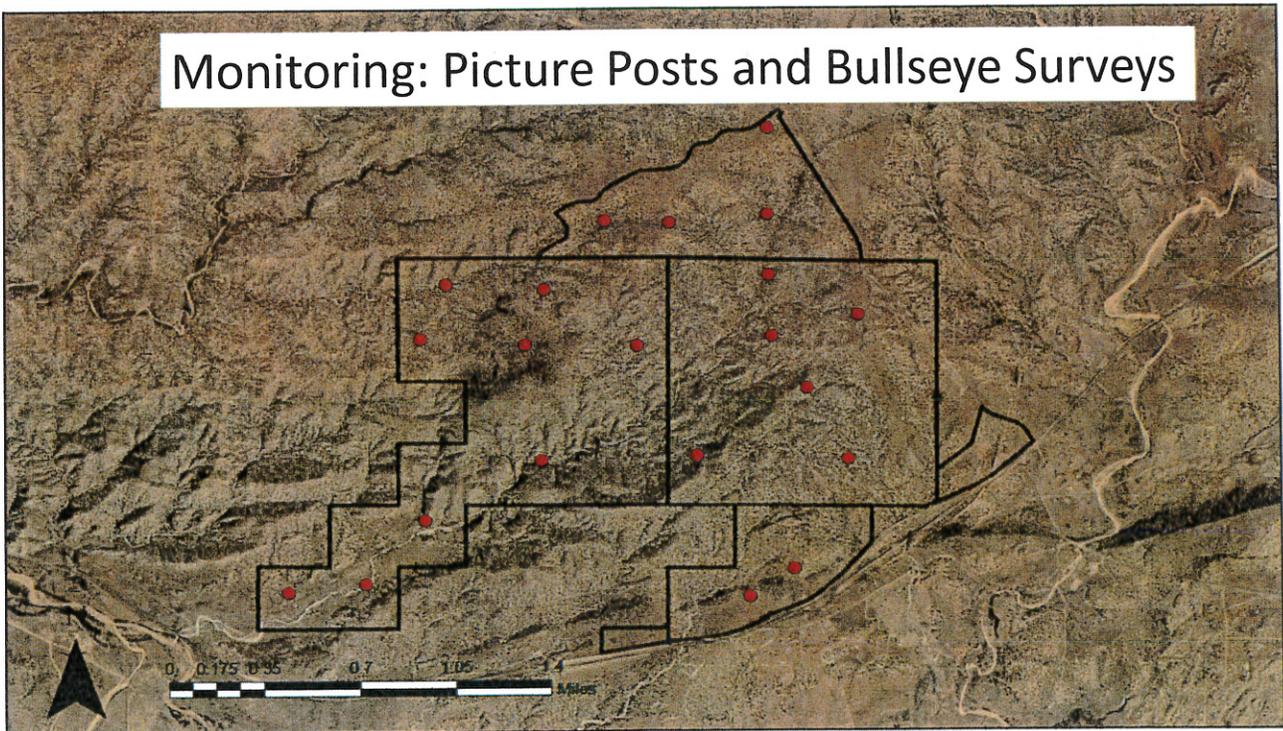


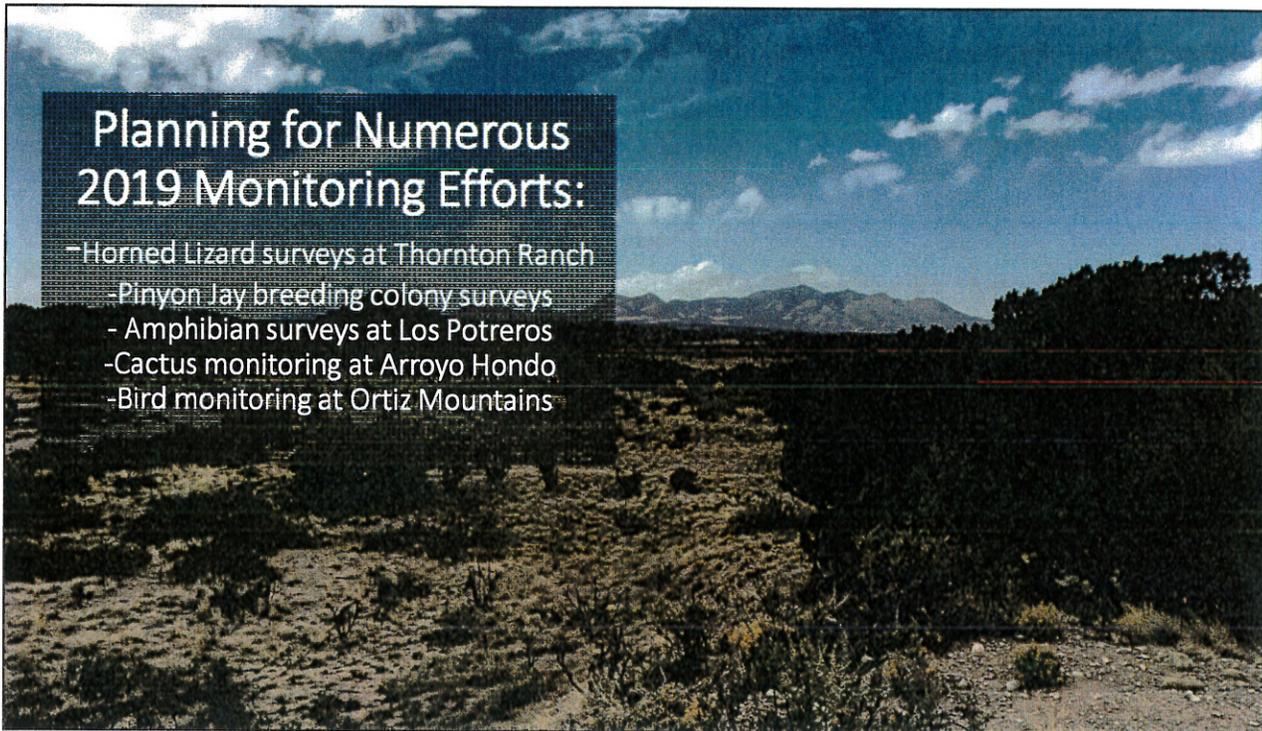
Monitoring: Baseline Wildlife Surveys

Approximately 170 wildlife species documented thus far on all open space properties, including numerous species of conservation need



Monitoring: Picture Posts and Bullseye Surveys







Management:

To help the declining monarch butterfly, volunteers and staff planted 150 milkweed plants at La Cieneguilla Open Space



Management:

Pasture reseeding at Los Potreros Open Space, to improve soil and wildlife habitat



Management:

- Ortiz Mountains forest health restoration planning
- Implementation planned for Fall 2019



Management:

Collaboration with SF County Fire Department to balance fire prevention and wildlife habitat conservation at Talaya Hill Open space

Management:

Development of an invasive species management plan, and initial hand-pulling of invasive plant species on numerous properties



Management:

Erosion control work to improve soils and wildlife habitat



Project Development and Implementation: Signage Plan



Project Development and Implementation: Madrid Open Space



