

**WILDLIFE**

★ Mule deer, elk, feral horses, birds, small mammals and reptiles use the habitats in the allotment. Wildlife presence within the allotment may be affected by human activity associated with the proximity to several residences in the immediate area. The northern two parcels of the allotment appear to have considerable ORV use, including from ATVs from the nearby residences.

**THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND OTHER SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES**

Six federally listed threatened and endangered, one proposed threatened, thirty species of concern (BLM sensitive), and fifteen state of New Mexico Threatened and Endangered species are known or potentially could occur on public lands within Sandoval County (USDI, FWS 2000, NMDG&F 1998, Sivinski and Lightfoot 1995). However, because of the land ownership patterns and the specific habitats used by these species, they may occur with the broad borders of Sandoval County but not occur within the allotment.

The federally listed, proposed, and BLM sensitive species that are known to occur within northern New Mexico include American and Arctic peregrine falcon, bald eagle, mountain plover, Western burrowing owl, loggerhead shrike, and ferruginous hawk. The American and Arctic subspecies of the peregrine falcon are known to pass through central New Mexico during spring and fall migrations. The bald eagle is known to migrate through the general area, since the area is within the bald eagle's normal range along the Rio Grande corridor. The mountain plover is found throughout northern New Mexico wherever short-grass prairies are found. The loggerhead shrike, and ferruginous hawk occur throughout the area wherever their particular habitat sites (e.g., prairie dog towns, open piñon-juniper savanna's) occur.

**VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

This allotment is located within public lands assigned Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class IV, the least valued visual resource class. The VRM objective for this class is to provide for management activities which require major modification of the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape can be high. These management activities may dominate the view and be the major focus of viewer attention. However, every attempt should be made to minimize impacts from activities and uses through careful location, minimizing disturbance, application of design principles, and repetition of the basic landscape elements.

**RECREATION**

The principal use appears to be biking, horseback riding and ATV travel for the nearby residents. Off road travel is very common on the allotment and is restricted by the developed private lands, which must be crossed to reach some of the Public Lands.