Bosque del Apache is a beautiful and fragile wetland in the high desert, a critical stopover on the central flyway, and a rare section of the Rio Grande that now requires intense management to performs as it once did naturally, before man altered the river. This oasis is important and worth protecting, but it faces many challenges today, including a shrinking water supply and inconsistent federal funding.

Supporting the refuge through estate planning with Friends is easier than you might think. Read on to learn how.

"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

—ROBERT SWAN

Remember to notify us if you designate Friends in your estate plans. We'd love to thank you, ensure fulfillment of your wishes when the gift is realized and extend a lifetime membership now.

"I saw them first many Novembers ago and heard their triumphant trumpet calls, a hundred or more sandhill cranes riding south on a thermal above the Rio Grande Valley, and that day their effortless flight and their brassy music got into my soul."

—CHARLES KURALT

If the enchanting sights and sounds and the magic of Bosque del Apache have gotten into *your* soul and you would like to commit to its future conservation, please consider making a life-income gift or designating Friends in your will. Reach out to us for more information - we'd love to talk with you!

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Bosque del Apache

Planned Giving

Leave a legacy of impact for generations to come

"I dream of the vast deserts, forests, and all of the wilderness of our continent, wild places that we should protect as a precious heritage for our children and for our children's children."

—NELSON MANDELA

Legacy Planning

Supporting the future of Bosque del Apache

Whatever your stage in life, planned giving can benefit you while helping to protect Bosque del Apache for generations to come. A carefully prepared will or estate plan is the best way to ensure that your loved ones are provided for after your death, and that your preferred charities are also supported as you intend.

Charitable Bequests

Charitable bequests are one of the easiest ways you can leave a lasting impact on the refuge. Bequests can take a variety of forms and the following are a few examples:

Specific Bequest — The most popular type of charitable bequest, a specific bequest provides that Friends receives a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate.

Residuary Bequest — A residuary bequest provides that Friends receives all or a stated portion of your estate after all other bequests, debts, taxes, and expenses have been distributed.

Contingent Bequest — A contingent bequest can ensure that if circumstances make it impossible to carry out your primary provisions (as when your spouse or other heirs do not survive you), your assets will then pass to Friends rather than to unintended beneficiaries.

Your intent to make a bequest to Friends of Bosque del Apache can be made clear in your will by including the following language:

"I bequeath _____ (dollar amount or % of estate) to Friends of Bosque del Apache, a nonprofit organization existing under the laws of New Mexico and with a principal business address of 1001 Hwy 1, San Antonio, NM 87832; and a federal tax identification number of 85-0415878."

Beneficiary Designation

Consider naming Friends of Bosque del Apache as a beneficiary of your IRA, pension, life insurance plan, or other donor-advised fund. By naming Friends of Bosque del Apache as a beneficiary, some taxes may be avoided, allowing you to leave your family other assets, which may incur less tax liability.

IRA Distributions- A great way to give *during* your lifetime

If you are looking for a good way to avoid paying taxes on your IRA required minimum distributions (RMD), you might want to consider making a charitable donation to Friends of Bosque del Apache now. You won't have to itemize your taxes to get this benefit, because the donation is deducted from your income. You'll need to:

- Be 70 1/2 years or older
- Have the gift sent directly from your IRA trustee to Friends of Bosque del Apache
- Ask your broker to send all or some of your RMD to Friends at:

  Friends of Bosque del Apache NWR
  PO Box 340
  San Antonio, NM 87832
  FEIN # 85-0415878
- Email to let us know a gift is on the way: info@FriendsofBosquedelApache.org