



## Taos lawmaker to be honored for bill banning traps

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### Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales

Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales addresses the crowd at The Taos News' legislative forum in 2009.

WildEarth Guardians and members of the TrapFree New Mexico coalition will honor state Rep. Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D-Taos) at the group's 10th anniversary gala in Santa Fe on Sept. 27.

Gonzales introduced a 2013 bill, New Mexico Wildlife Protection & Public Safety Act, which proposed to ban most cruel traps and poisons from New Mexico's public lands.

"While it failed on the first pass, Rep. Gonzales has vowed to protect New Mexicans and their wildlife and pets from the vicissitudes of dangerous poisons and traps on public lands," Wendy Keefover, Carnivore Protection Program director for WildEarth Guardians, wrote in a press release.

"Notably, Gonzales' bill was introduced after two San Cristóbal residents were gravely injured while attempting to release their dogs from steel-jawed, leg-hold traps," Keefover added. "Rep. Gonzales' ongoing commitment to make wildlife, people, and pets safe is truly commendable."

The gala at the Farmer's Market Pavilion in Santa Fe starts at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a keynote address by author and environmentalist Derrick Jensen.

Find more information at [TrapFreeNM.org](http://TrapFreeNM.org).