

Nicasio Gonzalez



Name: Nicasio Gonzalez

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Major: Natural Sciences

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About Yourself:

I am currently a graduate student at NMHU, studying natural sciences with a concentration in biology. I conduct my ecological research under the advisement of Dr. Jesus Rivas, where I participate in the cumulative research regarding the ecological impacts pertaining to the invasive American Bullfrog. Throughout my childhood I was fortunate enough to spend many days in the field fishing, hiking, camping, and hunting; and through these family activities I gained a passion for nature and for the worldwide conservation of these natural landscapes.

Career Experiences:

I have participated in undergraduate internships that enabled me to work under research faculty that has led to experience in common ecological and population assessments. Most of my work experience comes from odd jobs working under a general contractor which has strengthened my knowledge and ability to think critically and conduct efficient and tangible work in hypervariable environments. My favorite odd job was a summer internship as a fly fishing guide in Northern New Mexico, as well as searching for evidence of burrowing owls for an environmental consulting firm.

Plans after Graduation:

Upon Graduation in Spring 2018, I plan to work full time applying for careers while continue to gather experience in hopes of becoming a wildlife biologist for a federal or state agency, that will enable me to participate in conservation of natural resources. Experience would include fish/wildlife type technician jobs.

Skills:

Radio telemetry, sonogram, subcutaneous injection of PIT tag, handling of animals, PCR, DNA cloning, Scoring sequence, Genepop, Heterozygosity analysis, Sterile techniques, Program MARK, GPS, Chainsaw, Animal husbandry, Field safety/ethics/living, Scientific method

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

- LSAMP internship
- ARMAS internship
- NRCT member
- NNMCCC member
- NMHU baseball scholarship