

Xavier Lovato

Name: Xavier Lovato

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About Yourself:

Hi, My Name is Xavier Lovato from the Pueblos of Cochiti and Kewa, NM. I am a Native American student attending NMSU pursuing a bachelors in Wildlife Science. Wildlife has been connected with Native American culture with life of animals and plants representing gifts from our creator Mother Earth. By believing in my culture it is my dream and goal to protect wildlife species from harm. Not only protecting animals and plants, but all natural resources for future generations being able to have these resources available.

Career Experiences:

I've started working with Natural Resources and Wildlife in High School with U.S. Youth Conservation Corps in Cochiti Pueblo with being a tribal conservation group. After YCC, I began to attend NMSU and joined the NRCT program for opportunities in wildlife science. After my first year of college I've earned the opportunity to work with the U.S. Forest Service in Wildlife management at the Gila National Forest, NM. Working with species such as; Mexican Spotted Owls, Leopard frogs, and Native fish. I'd like to thank NRCT for the amazing opportunities.

Plans after Graduation:

After graduation, I would like to work with an agency such as; U.S. Forest Service, NM Game & Fish, or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. By working with different agencies and learning about wildlife throughout my career I would like to return to my Native American Community as a Wildlife biologist and give back to the people. Being a Wildlife Biologist within my community will help manage wildlife and I to work with the youth getting them involved with Wildlife & Natural Resources.

Skills:

ARC-GIS, Microsoft word, Excel, PowerPoint, Trapping, Hiking, Heavy-duty fence maintenance, Fish Shocking, Owl Calling, Fish Net Maintenance, Horseback, off-road vehicle certified, Swimming, Rock-Climbing, GPS marking and tracking, Rattlesnake Handling, Snake Trapping, Non-native species Removal, Wood Chopping and hauling.

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

- NRCT Student Ambassador
- Gates Millennium Scholar
- The Wildlife Society Member
- Sigma Alpha Lamda NMSU Member
- Crimson Scholar
- NHS Member
- Rho Khappa Member

