

# Jacob Riley



Name: Jacob Riley

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## About Yourself:

Hello, my name is Jacob Riley. I am a Native American from the Pueblo of Laguna. Growing up, I spent most of my time outdoors with my father who was a field biologist for the Hualapai Tribe in Arizona. When I was young, my father instilled the importance of his work and I have been interested in wildlife since then. I also enjoy running, hiking, hunting, and learning about the environment and animals around me.

## Career Experiences:

In the summer of 2016, I was fortunate to receive an internship with the Student Conservation Association working alongside the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During the internship, I had the opportunity to participate in the Gunnison Prairie Dog Reintroduction Program where I learned to pit tag and handle small mammals. Additionally, I interned for a graduate student whose research was based on the common bed bug and its resistance to commercial insecticides.

## Skills:

Microsoft Word/ Excel/ PowerPoint proficient, pit tagging, GPS marking, snake handling and trapping, primitive camping, remote backcountry hiking, Sherman and Tomahawk trap familiarity, prairie dog and desert mice/ rat handling, mist netting, bird handling, camera trapping, ATV driving.

## Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

NRCT Member

TWS Member

NMSU Cross Country/ Track Athlete

RMAC Academic All-American

## Plans after Graduation:

I plan on applying to a masters program after I receive a bachelors degree. After the conclusion of a masters program, I hope to work for my Pueblo's natural resource agency as a field biologist so as to give back to the community who has given me so much. Working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is also another job opportunity that I look to pursue.