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## <u>VIRTUAL GROUNDBREAKING TO BE HELD FOR CLOVIS WING-SHOOTING</u> <u>COMPLEX AND ARCHERY RANGE</u>

CLOVIS, NM - The City of Clovis will be hosting a virtual groundbreaking to celebrate the construction of the Clovis Wing-Shooting Complex and Archery Range at Ned Houk Park, located 10 miles north of Clovis. The groundbreaking, which has been moved to a virtual format to accommodate COVID-19 guidelines from the State, will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Those in attendance will include Clovis Mayor Morris, the Clovis City Commission, and other City officials, accompanied by members from Eastern New Mexico Range Management, New Mexico Game and Fish, the New Mexico State Game Commission, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

"I am very happy to see this project come to fruition," commented Mayor Morris, "and we would like to thank the many individuals involved in this project for their hard work."

Game and Fish Director Michael Sloane detailed the opportunities the range will provide to the Clovis area. "The new shooting facility will be a place for hunter education students to continue to develop firearm safety skills, archery students to practice what they learn in the classroom, and hunters to sight in their hunting equipment."

Marty Tressell, President of Eastern New Mexico Range Management, also commented on construction of the shooting range, remarking that "there is a pent-up demand for a place for local shotgun, airgun, and archery shooting and training ranges in an 80-mile radius around Clovis."

The Clovis Wing-Shooting Complex and Archery Range will be a multi-faceted facility that will include four trap/skeet overlay fields, a 12-station sporting clays course, indoor and outdoor archery ranges, an airgun range, and a multipurpose building. The majority of the project is funded by the Pittman-Robertson Act administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The range will be open to the public with Eastern New Mexico Range Management managing the day-to-day operations. There will be a small fee to use the range.

The public may view the virtual groundbreaking via the City of Clovis' Facebook page on November 17, 2020. For more information regarding the groundbreaking, please contact the City Manager's Office at (575) 769-7828.