

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF THE**  
**FRIENDS OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES**  
**A COLORADO NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

The undersigned person, acting as the incorporator of a corporation pursuant to the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act and being 18 years of age or older, hereby signs and acknowledges the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of this corporation is; Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges.

**ARTICLE 2: DURATION**

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual, until such time as a majority of the Board of Directors deems it necessary to terminate the Corporation.

**ARTICLE 3: PURPOSES, OBJECTIVES, POWERS AND LIMITATIONS**

1. The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, conservation, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Primary purpose of this corporation is:

A. The friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges is an independent, nonprofit group of individuals dedicated to supporting the mission of the US Fish and Wildlife Service refuge system and to promoting awareness of the Alamosa/Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges through education and participation