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## 2: Massive spider with 'red fangs' discovered in Mexican cave

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See Article History Alternative Title: It became the 47th state of the union in New Mexico ranks fifth among the 50 U. The capital of New Mexico is Santa Fe. New Mexico Pueblo in Taos, N. Indeed, from the vastness of its slice of the Great Plains to the rough, weather-scored peaks of its mountain ranges, New Mexico retains much of its frontier flavour. Despite the traditionally agrarian nature of the state, New Mexico has become increasingly urbanized. About two-fifths of its residents live in Albuquerque founded and the surrounding Bernalillo county. Santa Fe, a much smaller city, was founded in and is the oldest continuously used seat of government in North America. It was also the terminus of the Santa Fe Trail , a wagon trail that was a major commercial and migration route from Missouri to the Southwest from to , when the railroad was completed. Area , square miles , square km. Population 2,,; est. Land Relief New Mexico has some of the flattest land as well as some of the most rugged mountains in the country. Some portions of the state are rich in pine forests, meadows, and fish-laden mountain streams, while other areas are devoid of any water bodies, and even cacti struggle to survive. The Rocky Mountains extend into the north-central part of the state. Southwest of the Rockies is part of the Basin and Range Province , consisting of mountain ranges running in a north-south direction interspersed with valleys that are indispensable to agriculture and grazing. Northwestern New Mexico, part of the Colorado Plateau , is characterized by unique volcanic formations that are a result of past lava flows. This region also contains many plains and short mountain ranges. The average elevation ranges from 5, to 8, feet 1, to 2, metres above sea level in the northwest to less than 4, feet 1, metres in the southeast. More than four-fifths of the state is higher than 4, feet above sea level. The highest mountain peaks, Wheeler Peak 13, feet [4, metres] and Truchas Peak 13, feet [3, metres] , are in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in the north-central part of the state. The lowest elevation, 2, feet metres , lies along Red Bluff Lake in the southeastern corner of the state. Agriculture in its floodplain has been significant since prehistoric times; European settlers initially lived exclusively in its valleys and those of its tributaries, areas where perennial supplies of water were nearby and relatively safe from attack. The Pecos, east of the Rio Grande and approximately parallel to it, was also a popular route for explorers. The Canadian River , rising in the Sangre de Cristo range and flowing east across the arid plains, was a useful avenue for explorers despite its deep canyons. The San Juan and Gila rivers lie west of the Continental Divide , in the northwest and southwest, respectively. All but the Gila, which is not dammed in New Mexico, provide water for irrigation , recreation, and flood control. Few other natural water bodies are found in the state, aside from artificial lakes and reservoirs , the largest of which, Elephant Butte Reservoir, was created by the damming of the Rio Grande. Nighttime temperatures tend to fall sharply. The average annual rainfall is about 13 inches mm , though precipitation tends to increase with elevation. About 40 inches 1, mm of rain fall in the higher mountains, whereas lower areas may get no more than 8 to 10 inches to mm. Generally, precipitation is greatest in the eastern third of the state and least in the western third. Plant and animal life New Mexico has six vegetation zones, which are determined mainly by elevation. At higher elevations, better stands are a result of more abundant rainfall. The Transition Zone, covering some 19, square miles 49, square km , is identified chiefly by the ponderosa pine. The Canadian Zone, covering 4, square miles 10, square km at elevations of 8, to 9, feet 2, to 2, metres , contains blue spruce and Douglas fir. The Hudsonian and Arctic-Alpine zones, above 9, feet, are too small in area and too sparsely covered to be of great importance. Mule deer , black bears , bighorn sheep , minks , muskrats , foxes , mountain lions , and bobcats live in the mountain and forest areas above 7, feet 2, metres , while at lower elevations antelopes , coyotes , and jackrabbits are found. Barbary sheep from North Africa have been introduced into several mountain areas. Many species of trout are common in the mountain streams, and warm-water fish abound in lower streams. Approximately species of birds can be found year-round, including various game birds; dozens more migratory species of birds cross the state via the Rio Grande. Rattlesnakes and black widow spiders are common. People Population composition More than

four-fifths of the people of New Mexico are of European descent, Hispanic origin, or a mix thereof. The original Spanish settlers intermarried with the Native Americans, and their descendants are designated as Spanish Americans Hispanos, while those who have arrived more recently from Mexico and elsewhere in Latin America and their descendants are generally referred to as Mexicanos, Latinos, or, less formally, Chicanos. Spanish Americans made up the majority of the population until the 1950s, and people of Hispanic heritage both Hispanos and Latinos still account for more than two-fifths of the population. In the process, many such villages became ghost towns. The large Navajo reservation in northwestern New Mexico extends into Arizona, and the city of Gallup, near the Arizona state line, is known as an Indian centre. There are also reservations for the Ute and for the Jicarilla and Mescalero Apache people; Pueblo Indians live on some 2,000 acres, hectares of scattered land grants. These Native Americans preserve many of their ancient ways, tending flocks of sheep and producing handicraft items. But dissatisfaction with their low income, inadequate housing, poor health standards, and lack of educational opportunity has led to a growing militancy and an increasing exodus from their reservations or pueblos to urban centres. Other early immigrants to the area also settled along streams because of the scarcity of water elsewhere. In a typical community, adobe houses opened onto a plaza from which four streets ran outward, and the entire enclave was enclosed by a wall for defense. Nearby were small agricultural plots and orchards that were owned by individuals and watered by acequias, or irrigation canals. Just beyond was the ejido—land for communal grazing, recreation, or firewood. Despite fear of attacks by Native Americans, ranches often were established away from settlements. By the end of the Mexican-American War in 1848, New Mexico was a self-sufficient agrarian community, with most people residing in small villages. Adobe house in Santa Fe, N. The arrival of the railroads in the 1880s brought several waves of Anglo farmers, but frequent droughts ruined many who tried to till the soil as they had in their more humid homelands. Dry farming—tilling that uses drought-resistant crops or otherwise conserves soil moisture—saved many who remained. The eastern portion is an extension of the high plains, settled predominantly by white Protestants from Texas and Oklahoma. The southwestern corner of the state, settled by Anglo miners after the coming of the railroads, also has little in common with the central area. The northwest corner, much of which lies within the Navajo reservations, received Mormon settlers from Colorado, but the greatest population growth of this area resulted from oil, natural gas, and uranium discoveries after World War II. New Mexico, traditionally rural, has joined the national trend toward urbanization. About two-thirds of the population lived in urban areas at the beginning of the 21st century. Urbanization has involved a number of factors in addition to the movement of Hispanos away from their rural homes, including the growth of the light industry and service sectors of the economy, the consolidation of farms, and the increasing inclination of many farmers to abandon their isolation for the larger towns and commute to their fields and flocks. Neomexicanus Economy New Mexico is a comparatively poor state, ranking among the lowest in the country in per capita income. About one-half of its economy is based on the service sector, while much of the remainder is centred on extractive industries mining and oil production. Relying heavily on the export of raw materials and on federal expenditures for programs of no certain permanence, New Mexico is subject to shifting demands from outside the state. The Native Americans and Hispanos were self-sufficient farmers, growing beans, corn maize, cotton, and squash on the alluvial plain of the Rio Grande. The arid land was best used for pasture, and sheep thrived until well into the 20th century. Americans brought cattle from Texas, and the sale of the cattle and calves accounted for two-thirds of the total income from agriculture. Because water is still scarce, farming techniques have not changed much in present-day New Mexico, and irrigated farming remains the most important form of agriculture. Since the 1950s, milk, sorghum, wheat, hay, chili peppers, and onions have been important agricultural products. Resources and power Spanish exploration and settlement of New Mexico were prompted in part by a quest for precious metals. Even the naming of the land reflected Spanish hopes that it would be as rich in minerals as Mexico. Some mining was carried on under the Spanish and Mexican colonial governments, especially in the southwestern part of the state. After the American Civil War, gold and silver extraction became more important. The mining brought many settlers and attracted capital during the territorial period but never produced the riches expected. Nonetheless, gold and silver are still found in significant quantities but are

mainly recovered as by-products of copper smelting. Copper mining also began in the 19th century, and copper continues to be found in many parts of the state, although most of the ore reserves and production are in Grant county, in the southwestern corner. Iron ore, lead, zinc, manganese, and molybdenum are also mined. New Mexico produces more than four-fifths of U. The state also traditionally led the country in uranium production, but by the s that had dropped off considerably. Natural gas is mainly produced in the southeastern corner and in the San Juan basin in the northwest. Boom times in the mines, oil fields, or natural gas fields have often been succeeded by severe economic downturns. Production of coal, long an important fuel in New Mexico, soared with the coming of the railroads but declined when train engines shifted from coal to diesel fuel. After almost ceasing completely, coal production has again become important as a fuel for thermoelectric power generation. Solar power has become an important source of energy, particularly in cities, while the number of wind turbines and geothermal plants has been increasing throughout the state. Wind turbines, south of Albuquerque, N. Food processing, petroleum refining, smelting, and the manufacture of electronic components, communications equipment, furniture, and construction materials are leading industrial activities. They are mostly centred in the Albuquerque area. New Mexico is also known as a leader in the high-technology industries. An offshoot of this is the private manufacturing of such products as ordnance, electronic equipment, and precision instruments. For many years Texans, fleeing hot, humid summer weather, have been drawn to the crisp, cool mountain resorts of New Mexico. Many people go there in the summer to fish, camp, admire the magnificent scenery, or attend the various festivals and rodeos. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, one of the largest ballooning festivals in the world, takes place in early October. Indian ceremonials and ruins are also major attractions. Colourful hot-air balloons soaring above Albuquerque, N. New Mexico has an individual, a business, and a state and local property tax.

## 3: The natural history of New Mexican mammals | Celebrating New Mexico Statehood

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Taxonomy[ edit ] The Mexican wolf was first described as a distinct subspecies in by Edward Nelson and Edward Goldman on account of its small size, narrow skull and dark pelt. One group is represented by the extinct Beringian wolf [10] [12] and the other by the modern populations. The historic population was found to possess twice the genetic diversity of modern wolves, [16] [17] which suggests that the mDNA diversity of the wolves eradicated from the western US was more than twice that of the modern population. Some haplotypes possessed by the Mexican wolf, the extinct Great Plains wolf , and the extinct Southern Rocky Mountain wolf were found to form a unique "southern clade ". All North American wolves group together with those from Eurasia, except for the southern clade which form a group exclusive to North America. The wide distribution area of the southern clade indicates that gene flow was extensive across the recognized limits of its subspecies. The major limb bones of the dire wolf , Beringian wolf , and most modern North American gray wolves can be clearly distinguished from one another. Late Pleistocene wolves on both sides of the Laurentide Ice Sheet – Cordilleran Ice Sheet possessed shorter legs when compared with most modern wolves. Modern wolves in the Midwestern USA and northwestern North America possess longer legs that evolved during the Holocene , possibly driven by the loss of slower prey. However, shorter legs survived well into the Holocene after the extinction of much of the Pleistocene megafauna , including the Beringian wolf. The Mexican wolf and pre samples of the Great Plains wolf *Canis lupus nubilus* resembled the Late Pleistocene and Holocene fossil gray wolves due to their shorter legs. Direct hybridizations between coyotes and gray wolves was never explicitly observed. Nevertheless, in a study that analyzed the molecular genetics of the coyotes as well as samples of historical red wolves and Mexican wolves from Texas, a few coyote genetic markers have been found in the historical samples of some isolated individual Mexican wolves. Likewise, gray wolf Y-chromosomes have also been found in a few individual male Texan coyotes. However, the same study also countered that theory with an alternative possibility that it may have been the red wolves, who in turn also once overlapped with both species in the central Texas region, who were involved in circuiting the gene-flows between the coyotes and gray wolves much like how the eastern wolf is suspected to have bridged gene-flows between gray wolves and coyotes in the Great Lakes region since direct hybridizations between coyotes and gray wolves is considered rare. In tests performed on a sample from a taxidermied carcass of what was initially labelled as a chupacabra , mitochondrial DNA analysis conducted by Texas State University professor Michael Forstner showed that it was a coyote. However, subsequent analysis by a veterinary genetics laboratory team at the University of California, Davis concluded that, based on the sex chromosomes, the male animal was a coyote-wolf hybrid sired by a male Mexican wolf. This past distribution is supported by ecological, morphological, and physiographic data. There are in captive breeding programs in the USA and Mexico. In the city of Teotihuacan , it was common practice to crossbreed Mexican wolves with dogs to produce temperamental, but loyal, animal guardians. Wolves were also sacrificed in religious rituals, which involved quartering the animals and keeping their heads as attire for priests and warriors. The remaining body parts were deposited in underground funerary chambers with a westerly orientation, which symbolized rebirth, the Sun, the underworld and the canid god Xolotl. He estimated that there were Mexican wolves in New Mexico in , though the number had been reduced to 45 a year later. By , it had apparently become extinct in New Mexico. Wolves were still being reported in small numbers in Arizona in the early s, while accounts of the last wolf to be killed in New Mexico are difficult to evaluate, as all the purported "last wolves" could not be confirmed as genuine wolves rather than other canid species. Wolf numbers began to rapidly decline during the ss, when Mexican ranchers began adopting the same wolf-control methods as their American counterparts, relying heavily on the indiscriminate usage of The Recovery Team composed the Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, which called for the reestablishment of at least wolves in their historic range through a captive breeding program. Between and , four males and a pregnant female were

captured in Durango and Chihuahua in Mexico to act as founders of a new "certified lineage". By , with the addition of new lineages, the captive Mexican wolf population throughout the US and Mexico reached individuals. The Recovery Plan called for the release of additional wolves in the White Sands Wolf Recovery Area in south-central New Mexico, should the goal of wild wolves in the Blue Range area not be achieved. Since , 92 wolf deaths were recorded, with four occurring in ; these four were all due to illegal shootings. Fish and Wildlife Service in February shows a minimum population of wolves in in southwest New Mexico and southeast Arizona, a 31 percent increase from In an effort to fight the slowing recovery, GPS monitoring devices are being used to monitor the wolves. The rest of the deaths remain under investigation.

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