

Cowles, New Mexico
April 2019

Greetings from Los Pinos Ranch,

It is April and that time of year when our northern New Mexico climate can't seem to decide whether to begin spring or return to winter. Snow still lingers on the surrounding peaks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The spring thaw has begun and the Pecos River is running full. It is also time for us to begin planning for the approaching summer season and the anticipation of return visits from our guests, whose company we have enjoyed over the years.



As we begin the work of cleaning cabins and grounds, signs of spring begin to make themselves evident.

- ✓ A lone humming bird announces its presence.
- ✓ A Stellar Jays calls insistently for feeders to be filled.
- ✓ A few brave flowers are in bud, but aspen leaves are yet to appear.
- ✓ A herd of cow elk are bedding down for the night across from the ranch.
- ✓ And curious deer watch us as we pass by at the end of the day.

With the blessings of abundant winter snow and recent rains, there is much of nature to anticipate:

- ✓ Returning birds settling in for the summer;
- ✓ Myriads of humming birds,
- ✓ An elusive dipper bird skimming the river.
- ✓ The ever-entertaining squirrels and chipmunks,
- ✓ Colorful wild flowers and butterflies,
- ✓ The sound of rushing streams,
- ✓ The lengthening days of summer.

We look forward to a greening land and to sharing Los Pinos with you. We wish you all the best and hope to have the pleasure of your company some time in this coming summer.

With kind regards,

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