

## **Resume**

**Stephen J. Dobrott**

Mr. Dobrott has extensive professional experience in wildlife biology and management. He has dedicated his career as a wildlife biologist to the preservation of rare and endangered species and habitats of the Southwest. His work on the endangered Masked Bobwhite resulted in the acquisition of a national refuge in Arizona for this species and its recovery in Sonora, Mexico. His work on the Gray Ranch in New Mexico resulted in national awareness of the unique wildlife values there, which expedited the acquisition of the property by The Nature Conservancy. He managed the Ladder Ranch, one of New Mexico's largest private properties for wildlife diversity and bison production for 24 years. He is currently the Ambassador for Ted Turner Expeditions, an eco-tourism business based in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

### **Education**

B.S. Wildlife Biology, University of Arizona, 1973  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Training:  
Refuge Manager  
Biological Statistics  
Fire Suppression/Prescribed Fire

### **Professional Experience**

#### **The Victorio Company, Range/Wildlife Specialist:**

Inventoried range and wildlife resources on the 325,000-acre Gray Ranch in New Mexico and developed stocking rates and management plans. Developed and managed big game hunting programs. Planned and supervised various range management programs (5 years).

#### **Gray Land and Cattle Company, Game Manager/Biologist:**

Responsible for promoting and supervising big game hunting program. Planned and implemented surveys and research for rare and endangered species on the Gray Ranch (3 years).

#### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Biologist:**

Responsible for the recovery of the endangered Masked Bobwhite on the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, Arizona. Participated in the development of the Refuge Master Plan and start-up of the new refuge. Planned and implemented the reintroduction of pronghorn to the refuge. Responsible for all the biological surveys on the refuge. Planned and conducted biological surveys in Sonora, Mexico (6 years).

#### **Turner Enterprises Inc., Ranch Manager:**

Managed the Ladder Ranch, Sierra County, New Mexico. Scope of responsibilities were directly related to all facets of managing 257,000 acres for bison and wildlife with special emphasis on imperiled species. Extensive experience in negotiating agreements

and contracts with state and government agencies and local contractors (24 years).

**Ted Turner Expeditions Inc.**, Ambassador:  
Promotes and participates in eco-tourism business on Turner properties in New Mexico connecting people with nature. Responsible for the training of guides and guiding tours on Ladder and Armendaris Ranches (2017-present).

**Technical Expertise**

Imperiled species reintroduce and management  
Wildlife habitat management  
Range management  
Large and small game management  
Large and small game hunting programs  
Public relations and speaking  
Computer data base application  
Ranch management (bison)  
Prescribed fire planning and management  
Technical and popular writing  
Eco-tour planning and guiding in New Mexico

**Publications**

Reintroduction Techniques for Masked Bobwhites  
Masked Bobwhite Recovery Plans  
Pronghorn Reintroduction to the Buenos Aires NWR  
Partnerships, the Key to Preserving the Masked Bobwhite  
Testosterone, Antiandrogens, and Alloparental Behavior in Bobwhite Foster Parents  
River of Spirits, an Ecological History of Las Animas Creek

**Affiliations**

The Wildlife Society  
Society for Range Management  
The Nature Conservancy, New Mexico Board of Directors  
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep  
Arizona Pioneer Living History Museum, Vice Chair, Colonial Spanish Horse Advisory Board  
Spanish Barb Breeders Association, President, Director  
Quail Unlimited  
Percha-Animas Watershed Association  
Hillsboro Community Center, Vice President, President  
Hillsboro Domestic Water Association, Vice President  
Hillsboro Historical Society, Board of Directors  
New Mexico Historical Society