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Friends Group to Sell Limited Raffle Tickets on March 24 for Cow Elk Hunt on Ted Turner Ranch

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—The Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library in Jemez Springs, New Mexico will raffle off a limited number of tickets for a chance to hunt on media mogul Ted Turner's 590,823 acre Vermejo Park Ranch. Only 500 tickets will be sold beginning this Saturday, March 24 during Jemez Springs' Cabin Fever Festival, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hunt at one of the most beautiful locations in New Mexico and a great way to support the Jemez Springs Public Library at the same time," said Suzanne Swetnam, president of Friends of Jemez Springs Public Library. "We thank the Vermejo Ranch and Turner Ranch Outfitters for the generous donation."

The three-day hunt will take place sometime between December 1, 2018 and January 15, 2019, to be determined by the Vermejo Park Ranch Hunt Coordinator.

The raffle winner will receive a hunt code authorization to purchase a cow elk license from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish along with access to the Vermejo Park Ranch for the hunt period.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each and will be sold in the Jemez Springs Public Library – located at the Village Plaza – during the Cabin Fever Festival event March 24. Depending on how quickly the tickets sell, the Friends group may continue to sell the remaining tickets at the Jemez Springs Public Library on both March 31 and April 14 from 10 .m. to 2 p.m. or through the Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library Board.

The raffle is open to both residents and non-residents and applicable fees for both hunts apply. The drawing will be held over the Labor Day Weekend. Entrants do not have to be present to win.

The winner must purchase either a resident or non-resident hunting license and all requisite permits. The winner can allow a family member or friend to use the authorization, instead, to purchase an elk license.

If interested, the winner can hire a ranch guide for an additional \$300 fee by working directly with the Vermejo Park Hunt coordinator. The success rate on guided hunts is said to be about 95 percent.

One hundred percent of proceeds from the raffle will go directly to the Friends of the Jemez Springs Public Library.

Vermejo Park is located in Northeastern New Mexico and stretches from the Great Plains to the summits of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains with elevations from 5,850 to 12,931 feet. It is home to one of the largest elk herds in Northern New Mexico.

For questions or to purchase tickets, contact the Friends of the Library at FOJSPL@gmail.com. For general information about the Village of Jemez Springs, visit www.jemezsprings.org.

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