



Clockwise, from left: Marnie Rose, Destiny Martinez, Cindy Brown, Matt Madison, Roberta Salazar, Stephanie Martinez, Daniel Romero, Angel Martinez, Savannah Romero, Mary Rampinini

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## **Columbine Hondo is our common ground.**

A journey into the Columbine Hondo wilderness study area is an adventure filled with the natural beauty of waterfalls, bird songs and trees rustling in the wind. Rivers & Birds youth hikers love spending time here, chasing butterflies, catching snakes, spying trout in the clear creeks, or encountering a baby fox or a family of Blue Grouse. Through these outdoor experiences, these kids discover that Columbine Hondo is not only a fun place to explore, but that it is also an important source of clean air and fresh water for our community. Columbine Hondo is part of our great natural heritage in Taos County. We thank Senators Bingaman and Udall for working to permanently protect this area for present and future generations of hikers.

**Help protect our wilderness, water, and heritage. [www.columbinehondo.org](http://www.columbinehondo.org)**

