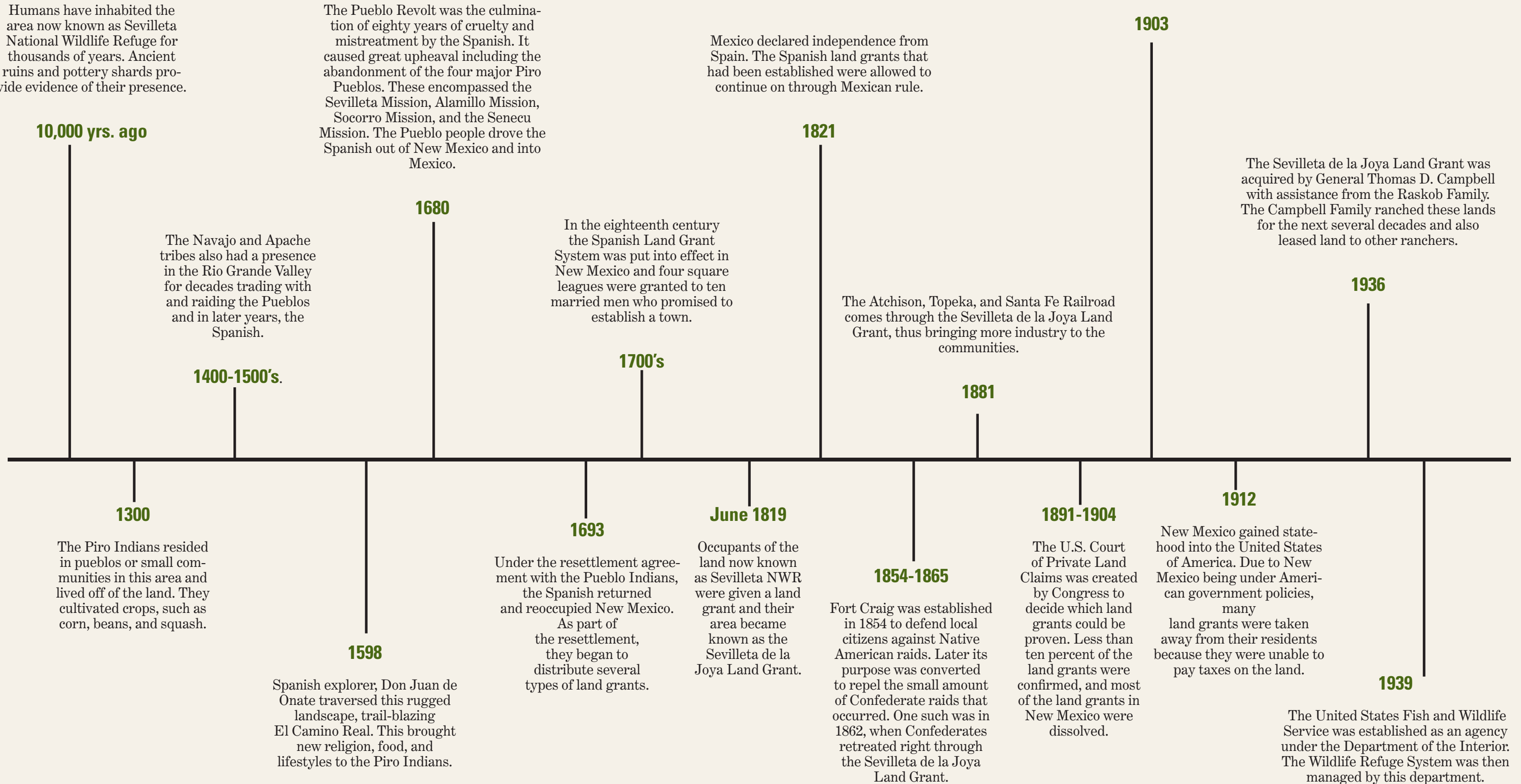


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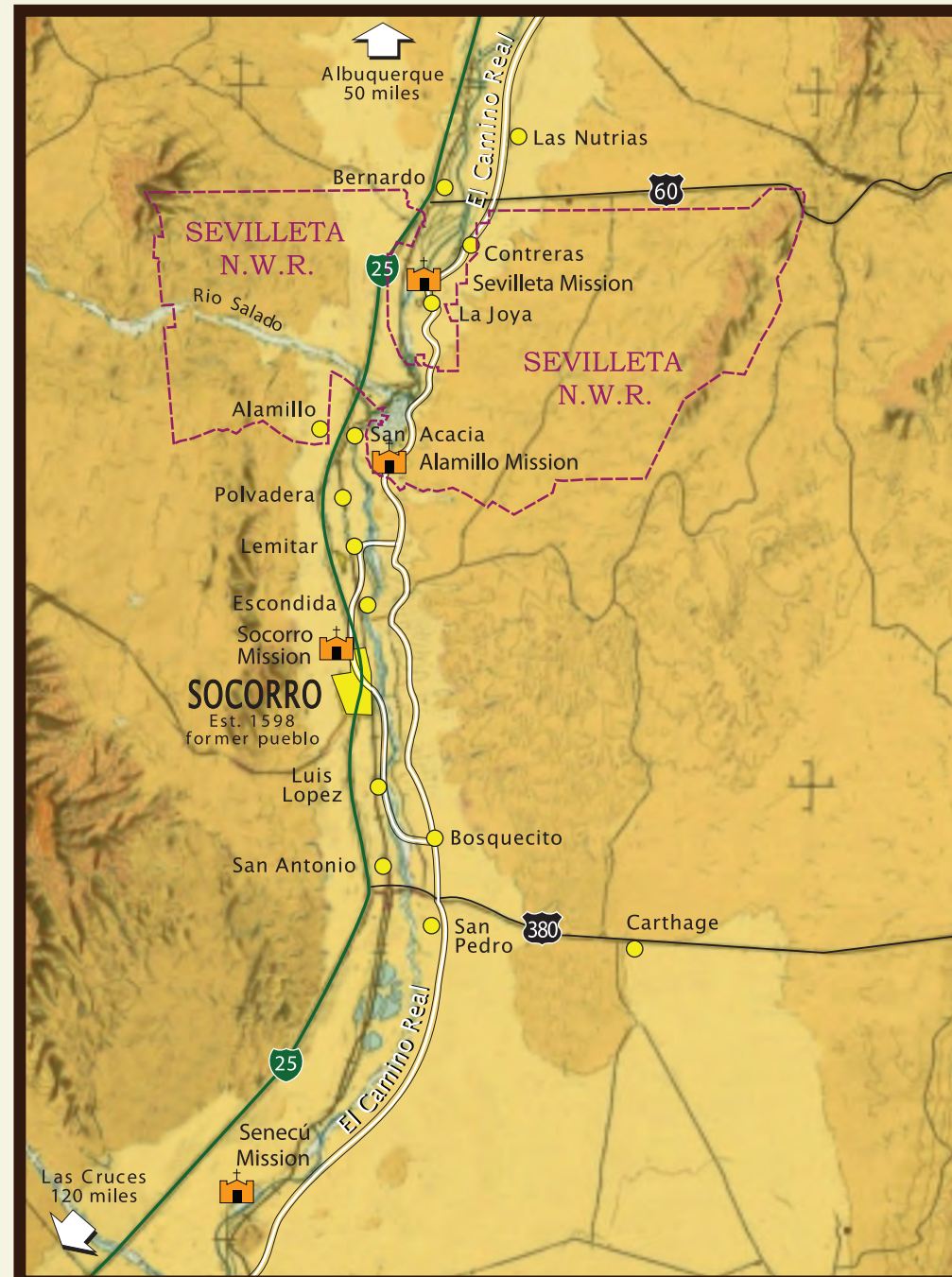
Humans have inhabited the area now known as Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge for thousands of years. Ancient ruins and pottery shards provide evidence of their presence.

The first National Wildlife Refuge was established by President Theodore Roosevelt. He established fifty-one refuges and became known as the father of the National Wildlife Refuge System.



The Campbell Family Foundation donated the Sevilleta land to the Service through The Nature Conservancy with the assistance of Mary Flagler Cary Charitable Trust. The land was established as a refuge. The purpose of Sevilleta NWR is "...to preserve and enhance the integrity and natural character of the ecosystem of the property by creating a wildlife refuge manages as nearly as possible in its natural state, employing only those management tools and techniques that are consistent with the maintenance of natural ecological processes...not to be subjected to commercial exploitation...and the land and the plants and animals supported by it to be managed to permit the natural ecological succession and processes typical of the area to prevail...and that portions of the property be made available to educational institutions and conservation organizations for scientific research and study."

December 28th, 1973



Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge

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For more information, visit these nearby sites

From Sevilleta NWR:

- Fort Craig 10.8 miles
- El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail Site 60 miles
- Old Mission in Socorro, NM 21 miles
- Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monuments 36 miles



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