Report to New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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June 2020

June 1	Pass annual mill levy rate resolution and submit to the SWCC
Time Sensitive See Item 1	for approval by June 1 st .
below	
June 1	Appointed Supervisor Positions due to the SWCC by June 1st
Time Sensitive See Item 1	(cc: your NMDA specialist).
below	
May 15th or July 1st	Independent Public Accountant (IPA) Recommendation Form
(Depending on annual	and the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) contract must be signed
budget, see more	and submitted to the State Auditor. This applies to Tiers 3-7.
information in item #7)	
June	WQ&C final invoices due 1st week of June
June	Finalize annual work plan for coming fiscal year and submit to
	the SWCC.
June 1	Budget and budget resolution for the coming fiscal year due to
Time Sensitive See Item 1	DFA-LGD, (cc: SWCC and SWCC Region Commissioner)
below	by June 1 st .
July 1	Fiscal year begins.
	Deadline for providing information to county tax assessor(s) on
	mill levies:
	-Mill levy rate resolution;
July 15	-List of land owners and legal description of lands subject to mill
	levy.
July 15	Point System Worksheet due.
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COVID containment efforts in New Mexico have included restrictions on the size of social gatherings. As a result, it is possible that an event scheduled for the near future has been – or will be – postponed, canceled, or hosted online instead of in person. Because of the fluid nature of things in response to COVID, NMDA strongly recommends that you check with the host organization for the events contained in this report that the events have not

changed in terms of their date or the manner in which they are to be hosted. We have included event websites to make this a simple step for you.

1. Mill Levy Rate Resolutions and Appointed Supervisor Nominations

Please submit your Mill Levy Rate Resolutions, and Appointed Supervisor Nominations, to the SWCC <u>by June 1st</u>. Appointed Supervisor nominations should be submitted for <u>each</u> supervisor nominee wishing to occupy positions 6 and 7. Items such as this are considered "time sensitive". As a result, they qualify under the Attorney Generals OMA Advice (see item 3 below) as a reason to proceed with a virtual meeting of the SWCD Board. Districts with mil-levies in place must have their mil-levy resolution approved by the SWCC before they can receive funding in the coming fiscal year. Please see Item #2 below for information on platforms that have been used to conduct virtual SWCD Board Meetings.

2. Oath of Office

NMDA would like to remind all SWCDs with any newly appointed supervisors (whether it be newly appointed positions 6 and 7, or any newly appointed supervisor appointed to a vacancy) will need to do to complete the new Oath of Office on the SOS website and also have it notarized. The \$3.00 fee will have to be paid to the SOS, for each supervisor completing an Oath of Office.

The Oath of Office and guidelines can be found at: https://www.sos.state.nm.us/candidate-and-campaigns/search-public-information/oath-of-office/

3. WQ&C Final Invoices

Any districts who received WQ&C grant funding last year, must submit any final invoices by the 1st week in June.

If a district has any remaining funding they are not able to spend, please contact Patricia Depner ASAP, by phone (575) 646-2642 or by email pdepner@nmda.nmsu.edu.

4. Electronic Meeting Options for SWCDs

Due to various state directives related to the COVID-19 situation, SWCDs that need to address time sensitive or emergency issues must meet electronically (teleconference and/or video conference). Your NMDA Soil and Water Conservation Specialist can help you get these platforms up and running for your SWCD. Here are a few options that have been the most successful:

• **Zoom** – This is a computer-based platform that allows participants the option to either connect through the internet with video and voice, or call in like a conference call using only voice.

- While there is a free version, it does have a time limit of 40 minutes. This has caused problems for some SWCDs because the SWCD meetings typically lasts longer than 40 minutes.
- The Pro Package is \$14.99 per month, and includes unlimited time, and up to 100 participants per meeting. It also includes cloud storage, the option to record the meeting, screen sharing, and other features. This should be sufficient for most SWCDs.
- o This is the link to the Zoom website https://nmsu.zoom.us/pricing
- **Webex** is a similar video/phone conferencing option to Zoom, offering both free and prepaid plans.
 - Webex's free plan, allows up to 100 participants in each meeting, there is not a time limit on meetings, and it also does not limit the number of meetings one can hold.
 - Webex allows both video conferencing and phone calls into the conference number. Which assists those who either do not have internet or internet that does not support video conferencing.
 - Currently Webex is offering a promotion that allows a free first month when you sign up for a paid monthly plan, and four months free when an annual plan is purchased. Use code wecare2020 to access this offer.

Other options available with the paid Webex plans include cloud storage, the option to record the meeting, screen sharing, and other features. Paid plans start at \$13.50 per month. To view what each plan includes, prices and frequently asked questions, visit: https://www.webex.com/pricing/index.html

5. Office of the Attorney General OMA Advice

The Office of the Attorney General advises all public entities subject to OMA to first and foremost follow the guidance of the Department of Health and other health officials to ensure the health and safety of both members of the entity and the public. Accordingly, the most prudent thing to do to ensure compliance with OMA would be to postpone any non-essential public meeting during the pendency of the state of emergency. If, however, a public entity has an emergency or time-sensitive matter to attend to, it may proceed with a virtual meeting under the following guidelines:

- •Notice of the meeting must still comply with the mandates of OMA, and it should contain detailed information about how members of the public may attend and listen via telephone, live streaming, or other similar technologies---this should include such detail as relevant phone numbers, web addresses, etc.;
- •While provided by alternative means, the public must have some form of access to the meeting to substitute for the access it would during any normally scheduled public meeting subject to OMA;
- •Where possible, videoconference is the best alternative method of holding meetings;
- At the start of the meeting, the chairperson should announce the names of those members of the public entity participating remotely;

- All members of the public entity participating remotely must identify themselves whenever they speak and must be clearly audible to the other members of the public entity and to the public;
- The chairperson or person leading the meeting should suspend discussion if the audio or video is interrupted;
- All votes of the public entity should be by roll call vote;
- The public entity should produce and maintain a recording of the open session of the meeting.

Please also review the following link for additional guidance during this time:

https://www.nmag.gov/uploads/Files/COVID-19/OpenGovernmentDivisionAdviceCOVID-19.pdf

6. Rolling Quorums

NMDA would like to remind all SWCD and Watershed boards to be careful when emailing and conference calls during this time of limited interaction. A rolling quorum needs to be avoided. The definition and examples are stated below, directly from the Attorney General's Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide.

Rolling Quorums (Open Meetings Act Compliance Guide 2015 page 7): The Act's requirement for open, public meetings applies to any discussion of public business among a quorum of a public body's members. Usually, a quorum of a public body's members meets together to discuss public business or take action. However, a quorum may exist for purposes of the Act even when the members are not physically present together at the same time and place. For example, if three members of a five-member board discuss public business in a series of telephone or email conversations, the discussion is a meeting of a quorum. This is sometimes referred to as a "rolling" or "walking" quorum. The use of a rolling quorum to discuss public business or take action violates the Act because it constitutes a meeting of a quorum of the public body's members outside of a properly noticed, public meeting.

7. Point System Worksheets – Things to Know before Submitting

NMDA would like to remind all SWCDs to use the new Point System Worksheet for FY19-20, which is attached. Below is a brief overview of the worksheet's requirements: Items 1-5 will be required to attain the base allocation awarded by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. If any one of items 1-5 is incomplete, the SWCD will not receive their base allocation of \$2,500.

The following must be completed and/or submitted:

- 1. Open Meetings Act Resolution passed and effective 1/1/2020.
- 2. Quorum present at board meetings (1 point per meeting; 10 points max).
- 3. Point system score sheet and supporting documentation must be submitted no later than 7/15/2020.
- 4. All DFA quarterly reports and budgets submitted to SWCC.

5. Annual report of activities for FY19 submitted to SWCC.

For items 6-9, please do not repeat activities in the spreadsheet, as they will be only be counted once. A single activity or accomplishment will earn points in **only one** category. Except where indicated, activities must have occurred July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 to earn points.

It is not too late to submit DFA quarterly reports and budget to the SWCC, the SWCC should have been emailed a copy of each for the FY19-20. Be sure to submit <u>all</u> quarterly reports and budgets before June 30th. As a reminder, if any of the items 1-5 are incomplete, which includes not submitting required documents to the SWCC, the base allocation of \$2,500 will not be awarded.

Please contact your specialist with any questions on the new Point System Worksheet.

8. Assistance Programs posted on NMDA's Website

NMDA has compiled a list of all state and federal assistance programs available during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Please look over these assistance programs and feel free to pass along any of this information that might be beneficial to individuals or groups within your SWCD.

Please visit: http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/assistance-programs/

9. PPE for SWCDs

SWCD's can request personal protective equipment (PPE) from the state EOC warehouse through a county emergency manager. SWCDs would need to fill out a 213-resource request form, the local emergency managers should be able to help with that.

Alternatively, PPE can be purchased through various websites, see below websites. NMDA recommends checking some of these websites frequently as the PPE comes in and out of stock.

https://health.suttersmill.com/

 $\underline{https://www.northerntool.com/shop/tools/category_clothing-footwear+clothing-accessories+cloth-face-coverings-masks}$

https://www.northernsafety.com/Product/333256W/NSI-3Ply-Face-Mask-50-Box

https://midsci.com/products/210/Apparel/

10. Job Announcement: District Manager

Upper Chama Soil & Water Conservation District is looking for qualified, interested individuals to apply for the position of District Coordinator. This position is responsible for supervising the implementation of District programs, managing District operations,

supporting and informing the District board, for maintaining and growing partnerships with all-natural resource agencies operating within the District. Pay depending on experience.

Please see the attached job announcement.

11. Job Announcement: Business Manager

Upper Chama Soil & Water Conservation District is looking for qualified, interested individuals to apply for the position of Business Manager. This position is primarily responsible for accurate financial records, and ensuring District compliance with state and federal law. Pay depending on experience. This position reports to the District Coordinator and is Part Time.

Please see attached job announcement.

12. Waters of the US Final Rule

On April 21, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army's Navigable Waters Protection Rule: Definition of "Waters of the United States" published in the *Federal Register*. This final rule establishes the scope of federal regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act. The Navigable Waters Protection Rule includes four simple categories of jurisdictional waters and provides specific exclusions for many water features that traditionally have not been regulated. The final rule will become effective on June 22, 2020. Information about the rule can be found on the EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/nwpr.

13. NMSU offers new Innovators in Agriculture Camp online

New Mexico State University is offering a new camp for youth that will introduce them to technology in the agricultural industry.

The College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is presenting the free virtual Innovators in Agriculture Camp for youth ages 15 to 18.

The 30-day program will begin with a Launch Party on Thursday, June 25. It will end on Friday, July 24, with participants presenting short videos of their innovative ideas and projects.

Read more at:

http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/14249/nmsu-offers-new-innovators-in-agriculture-camp-online.

14. USDA Announces Grants for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the availability of \$3 million for grants through its new Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production. The competitive grants will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects through two categories, Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. USDA will accept applications on Grants.gov until midnight July 6, 2020.

For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2020/usda-announces-grants-for-urban-agriculture-and-innovative-production?utm_campaign=0506urbanag&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

15. Farmers & Ranchers Help Each Other Succeed by Participating in the Soil Health Champions Network

The <u>Soil Health Champions Network</u> is an emerging program of NACD. Champions are advocates for soil health, on the path of learning rather than mastering. Membership in the network is free and voluntary. The only duties are educating the public, sharing helpful information with other producers and occasionally reporting on activities. Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) are notified when a new champion joins the Network and Champions and their SWCDs receive quarterly emails featuring national highlights.

In New Mexico the NM Healthy Soil Working Group is actively recruiting new champions who want to get involved and make a difference. SWCDs can help by getting out the word. The more Soil Health Champions there are in every district, the more we can achieve healthy soil stewardship on working lands. Champion activities can take many forms such as hosting meet ups, doing write ups in the local newspaper or volunteering in a school classroom. The goal is to share the importance of taking care of the soil.

For more information, to sign up yourself or to nominate someone you know to be a Soil Health Champion, please contact

Christina Allday-Bondy: (512-658-2051; christina.alldaybondy@gmail.com) or Jeff Goebel (541-610-7084; goebel@aboutlistening.com)

16. NMSU Extension publication focuses on direct sale of beef to customers

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in an abrupt and dynamic change in how food reaches the consumer's dinner table.

Grocery store meat sections are frequently bare or offering very slim selections. Shoppers are sometimes left wondering how to replenish their family's supply of this protein source.

While the shelves are bare, ranchers and farmers are experiencing low prices for their livestock at the sale barn, as the supply chain is impacted by changes in the market. http://newscenter.nmsu.edu/Articles/view/14253/nmsu-extension-publication-focuses-on-direct-sale-of-beef-to-customers.

17. NM Guidance and Practices Report

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has put out a report on guidance and practices that should be followed with reopening during the COVID-19 Pandemic. To view the report and to see what is now required of businesses, please review: https://indd.adobe.com/view/f8c729a4-3094-4157-af47-b13eddea33f2

18. Additional Guidance from NMDA to SWCDs during COVID-19 Pandemic

The attached memo is informational and provides additional guidance to the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) and the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) during the time of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The most up to date orders issued by the Governor through the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) can be found here:

https://cv.nmhealth.org/public-health-orders-and-executive-orders/

In addition to the information on the NMDOH website, the New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG) has also issued Open Meetings Act (OMA) guidance related to conduct of public meetings during the period of social distancing, which can be found at: https://www.nmag.gov/

In part the NMAG states:

The Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Division (OGD) advises all public entities subject to OMA to first and foremost follow the guidelines of the Department of Health and other health officials to ensure the health and safety of both members of the entity and the public. Accordingly, the most prudent thing to do to ensure compliance with OMA would be to postpone /cancel a public meeting. If, however, a board or commission has a time-sensitive matter to attend to, it may proceed with a virtual meeting, provided it's notice of meeting contains detailed information (password, phone number, etc.) about how members of the public may attend and listen via telephone, live streaming or other similar technologies.

More specifically, if a public body decides to proceed with a virtual meeting, it should:

- At the start of the meeting, the chair should announce the names of those members of the public body participating remotely.
- All members of the public body participating remotely must identify themselves whenever they speak and must be clearly audible to the other members of the public body and to the public.
- Members of the public should be afforded remote access, via live stream or other similar technology, if possible, or call-in number for listening by phone.
- Chair should suspend discussion if the audio or video is interrupted.
- All votes of the public body must be by roll call vote.

NMDA has provided all of the above information to SWCDs through its monthly report to SWCDs as well as through individual contact to each district. However, since this is a rapidly evolving situation, it bears repeating.

You are advised to conduct public meetings in a manner consistent with the public health orders and in compliance with the NMAG guidelines. This means that the meeting must be conducted in a manner that the public has access to participate through a conference call line allowing many interested publics to attend at once. All members of the public must be able to attend and must be allowed to participate in the meeting no matter which technology is chosen. It is advised that no one gather for the meeting in observance of the order to stay socially distant. If meetings are conducted via teleconference or web-based conference service, there would be no need to gather.

In addition to compliance with the social distancing order, it is also important to respect that individuals with underlying health conditions (potentially members of the SWCD board, employees, or the public) may not want to gather whether the gathering complies with the not more than five individuals in a room even with the appropriate six feet of distance. Therefore, NMDA strongly urges you to conduct any meetings in strict accordance with the orders and guidelines issued by the State of New Mexico. The only current weapon the country has to curb the COVID-19 pandemic and assist the state with the response so that the medical community does not fall into a disaster is to observe the stay at home/social distancing order. Please consider this information and the guidelines as you decide to hold a public meeting. If you have questions, please contact NMDA staff at 575-646-2642 or call your specific SWCD specialist.

19. Paycheck Protection Program

The Department of Treasury (Treasury) and Small Business Administration (SBA) released an interim final rule on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Agricultural producers are eligible to participate in the program and should reach out to their bankers and/or agricultural lenders to apply immediately. While SBA still needs to confirm some administrative details, loans will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and producers can get started on the application now.

- For a top-line overview of the PPP program CLICK HERE
- Information for prospective borrowers can be found HERE
- The application for borrowers can be found HERE

Below please find additional details about the PPP program. NASDA will provide additional updates once outstanding questions are answered by SBA.

1. Program Eligibility

a. All businesses (including farm and ranch businesses) are eligible for a PPP loan if they (1) have fewer than 500 employees; (2) meet the definition of a "small business concern"; and (3) are subject to SBA's affiliation rules (unless those rules were specifically waived in the CARES Act).

- i. Waiting on SBA to clarify the definition of "small business concern" do not anticipate any undue restrictions.
- ii. Waiting on SBA to confirm whether H2A workers are counted as "employees" for the purposes of determining size.
- b. Financial institutions, including the Farm Credit system, will be responsible for processing loan applications and administering the loan.

2. Loan Terms

- a. Loan amounts are calculated based on the payroll costs for all employees whose "principal place of residence" is in the U.S. Please note that this definition excludes H-2A workers, which will likely reduce the loan amount available to some agricultural producers.
- b. This loan has a maturity of 2 years and an interest rate of 1%. Loan payments will be deferred for the first six months.
- c. The loan will be fully forgiven if at least 75% of the funds are used for payroll costs, and the remainder is used for interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities.
 - i. Forgiveness is based on the employer maintaining or quickly rehiring employees and maintaining salary levels. Forgiveness will be reduced if full-time headcount declines, or if salaries and wages decrease.
- 3. The best POC for questions on the Paycheck Protection Program is the Lender Relations Specialist in your local SBA Field Office. The local SBA Field Office may be found at https://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance/districtoffices.

20. NM Small Businesses in Financial Distress Encouraged to Apply for Loans

New Mexico small businesses in financial distress due to the coronavirus crisis are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for loans made available under the federal stimulus bill.

The stimulus bill, or CARES Act, allocates \$349 billion for loans to small businesses. But businesses have until only June 30 to access the money, and loans will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"This money will go quickly, and New Mexico small businesses must act as soon as possible to obtain loans," Economic Development Secretary Alicia Keyes said. "Many businesses struggling through this crisis need a financial bridge to help them survive and recover once this crisis eases."

There are two loan programs for small businesses under the stimulus bill: the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program and the Paycheck Protection Program.

Under the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, a small business can borrow up to \$2 million, with an immediate grant advance up to \$10,000 that can be distributed in three days to a business.

Small businesses can apply for the loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/

Applications also can be made through the SBA's Small Business Development Centers. There are 19 centers in New Mexico, and they offer instruction and guidance on how to apply for the loans. The website for the centers is www.nmsbdc.org

Under the Paycheck Protection Program, a small business can borrow up to \$10 million, with an interest rate of 1 percent. The loan is deferrable for six months.

The SBA will forgive Paycheck Protection Program loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest or utilities. A small business must work through its lender to apply for a loan. For more information, go to www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection

In addition to the loans made available under the stimulus bill, the New Mexico Economic Development Department also has created loan-guarantee and no-interest loan programs for businesses. For more information, go to https://gonm.biz/

21. "Buy for Tomorrow Today" Campaign

The New Mexico Economic Development Department has launched a website that pairs shoppers with products and services in a "Buy for Tomorrow Today" campaign to help sustain businesses through the COVID-19 health emergency.

The "Buy for Tomorrow Today website (<u>www.BuyNMLocal.com</u>) is another way for people to support New Mexico businesses during the emergency closures. The site offers direct access to individual websites where purchases can be finalized for products or services now, by delivery or take-out, or when the business reopens.

The website includes a registration link for businesses who want to participate. Shoppers can sort retailers by region to find a store near them. The State of New Mexico is not a party to the transactions.

Many businesses on the site are also offering discounts or additional value-added services with a purchase on the Buy Tomorrow website. New businesses are being added to the site daily, so check back often to find your favorite local retailer.

22. Elevate NM Agriculture

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture aims to connect consumers with New Mexico agriculture products. If you are a New Mexico producer/business that wishes to include your food, beverage or agricultural product and contact information on our online products-to-consumer database, please visit http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/ag-products-to-consumers/. Once you submit your information, the NMDA staff will verify the submission, and once validated, it will be added to the list. Questions? Email ElevateNMAg@nmda.nmsu.edu.

Also, if you are interested in being listed in the USDA database, submit your information at the USDA's Local Food Directory Registration and Update at https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/local-regional/food-directories-update

23. Districts in the News

The following article, "Roosevelt needs help with weeds", was published in The Eastern New Mexico News on May 10:

PORTALES - The Roosevelt Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking community help to eradicate noxious weeds in Roosevelt and surrounding counties.

The district has a High Plains Cooperative Weed Management Area funded by a state grant.

"Our focus has mainly been on African Rue," said Dawn Privett of the conservation district. "We have been assisting landowners with spraying for the past two years."

County Manager Amber Hamilton is asking residents to contact Privett at 575-607-6383 if they see musk thistle or scotch thistle along county roadways. Hamilton said spraying will only take place in the county's right-of-ways.

24. NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition

The New Mexico Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition spring workshop has been postponed.

For more information, please visit: https://nmwsc.org/wp/news/spring-workshop-and-conference-event-in-raton-postponed/

25. NM Groundwater Conference

The NM Groundwater Conference will be on July 20 and 21, 2020 at the State Bar of New Mexico, located at 5121 Masthead NE, Albuquerque, NM 87199. To register, please go to: https://agwt.org/civicrm/event/info%3Fid%3D307%26reset%3D1

Groundwater resources play an important role in New Mexico's drinking water supply in urban and rural areas. Additional water needs for mining, oil & gas, industry, agriculture, and for sustaining ecology add stress to an already limited supply. There are likely to be future constraints on stream flow dependability and aquifer recharge rates. Realistic water planning to achieve optimal use of the state's aquifers is essential if New Mexico is to achieve a long-

term sustainable supply/demand balance. The Annual New Mexico Groundwater Conference will explore the next frontiers in water planning and implementation.

26. 2018 NM Agricultural Statistics

The 2018 NM Agricultural Statistics were recently published and are available at:

http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2018-NM-Ag-Statistics.pdf

27. NMDA Strategic Plan 2019-2023

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture's Strategic Plan for 2019-2023 was recently published and is now available at:

http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Strategic-Plan_2019_final.pdf

28. Meeting and Comments on National Forests in NM

All five of the National Forests in New Mexico are in various stages of completing their Forest Plan Revisions. For updates, please visit the National Forests' websites below for meeting times and comment opportunities.

- Cibola NF: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cibola/landmanagement/planning/?cid=FSBDEV3_065627
- Carson NF: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/carson/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprdb5443166
- Santa Fe NF: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/santafe/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelprd3791442
- Gila NF: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home/?cid=STELPRD3828671
- Lincoln NF: http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lincoln/home/?cid=stelprd3814307

NMDA encourages all SWCDs to stay active in the Forest Plan Revision process for all five national forests. We also encourage SWCDs to provide information as requested to make sure that SWCD information is included in the process.