

Report to New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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September 1st	Annual report of activities and annual plan for the past fiscal year due to SWCC, SWCC region commissioner, and NMDA Specialist.
October 30 th	1 st quarterly budget report due to DFA-LGD (cc: to SWCC, SWCC region commissioner, and NMDA Specialist)
October 31 st	Water Quality and Conservation Grant 1 st quarterly report and budget due to the SWCC and NMDA Specialist

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. NMDA Agricultural Workforce Development (AWD)

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture’s (NMDA) Agricultural Workforce Development Program (AWD) offers incentives to the state’s agricultural businesses to hire interns. The AWD Program is intended to provide hands-on educational opportunities for students aspiring to careers in agriculture, as well as young or beginning farmers and ranchers.

The AWD Program is the result of the [Agricultural Workforce Development Program Act](#), which was signed into law in 2019.

An “agricultural business” means a business of a food or agricultural nature, including agricultural production or processing. Primary areas of focus for these internships include: agribusiness, agronomy, crop production, farm and ranch management, food safety, fruit and

vegetable production, maintenance and repair of machinery, equipment, marketing and sales, and natural resources and conservation.

NMDA will reimburse qualified agricultural businesses up to 50 percent of the actual cost of hiring a qualified intern, not to exceed \$5,000 per internship. An agricultural business may request funding to hire as many as three interns per year. Each intern must be provided **with at least one hundred thirty (130) hours** of work experience, not exceeding one (1) year in duration per intern.

For internships that will occur in the remainder of FY 2021 (between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022), the period for agricultural businesses to apply is from July 29, 2021 to December 7, 2021 **or until funds are fully awarded**. NMDA will award funding to agricultural businesses based on **a)** their compliance with program requirements; **b)** funding availability; **c)** first-come, first-serve basis.

To avoid submitting an incomplete application, agricultural business operators should follow these steps:

1. Find an intern(s) interested in the internship opportunity with your agriculture business. It is preferred that interns are New Mexico residents, but it is not a requirement.
2. Complete and submit the application form located at:

<https://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/agricultural-workforce-development-program>

Please note:

- NMDA will **not** match agricultural businesses with potential interns.
- Agricultural businesses must identify an intern prior to applying for funding.
- Interns must be 18 years or older by the start of the internship.
- Immediate family members of the agriculture business are not eligible to participate.
- Participating agricultural businesses must pay minimum wage (or higher) to each intern, as well as carry worker's compensation insurance for each intern.

2. Healthy Soil Program MOA paperwork due to NMDA September 10

NMDA thanks the SWCDs participating in the FY22 funding cycle of the Healthy Soil Program. While most participating districts will serve as fiscal agents to individual farmers and ranchers who are implementing projects on lands they personally manage, some districts are participating at the level of implementing their *own* respective project to improve soil health within their jurisdiction. One district project includes a soil-testing component, while another is focused on distributing supplies like cover crop seed to help local managers improve their land. Yet another district project aims to improve land owned by the biggest city within its boundaries. While each district project is tailored to local needs, all district-implemented projects aim to spread the word about soil health.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) paperwork affirming the contractual relationship between NMDA and the Eligible Entity (such as a participating SWCD) – and, for projects implemented by farmers and ranchers, the contractual relationship between the Eligible Entity and the Individual Applicant – will be **due to NMDA September 10**. Failure on the part of

the Individual Applicant and/or their Eligible Entity to meet this deadline risks project/funding cancellation.

NMDA looks forward to working with SWCDs and other Eligible Entities for successful implementation of FY22 grants.

3. 2021 Elections

The November 2nd Election Day is just around the corner. Please continue to check in with your county clerk(s) and make sure they have everything they need from the district. Communication is vital for this year's election. The election calendar is attached.

Is there a filing fee? Candidates who are not required to file nominating petitions, i.e. county office candidates, pay a \$50.00 filing fee to the County Clerk upon filing for office. In cases of financial hardship, the County Clerk may waive the fee if the candidate submits a Pauper's Statement, which is available on the New Mexico Secretary of State's website beginning in October 1st, 2022. Candidates who are required to file nominating petitions do not pay a filing fee. This information can be found at: <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/candidate-and-campaigns/how-to-become-a-candidate/faqs-for-primary-general-election-candidacy/>

Be sure and double check that all county clerks with land within your Soil and Water Conservation District have a copy of the district's boundary shape file.

4. Current Pandemic Restrictions in Effect until at least September 15

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced that the state of **New Mexico has temporarily re-implemented a statewide requirement that facemasks be worn in all public indoor spaces, with only limited exceptions, and regardless of vaccination status**, to stem the state's rising tide of COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations.

The spread of COVID-19 in New Mexico has increased dramatically in recent weeks, driven by the highly infectious "Delta" variant and primarily unvaccinated populations. State modeling projects that New Mexico will reach 1,000 new daily cases of COVID-19 by the end of August, and as many as 1,000 new daily cases in southeastern New Mexico alone in the weeks after that.

Hospitalizations for COVID-19 in New Mexico have sharply risen to a 6-month high as of Monday, Aug. 16. Hospital leaders, acknowledging some state facilities already reaching or exceeding 100 percent capacity, have recently amplified their calls for unvaccinated New Mexicans to vaccinate and help forestall a projected shortage of hospital resources amid the projected fall surge. New Mexico has one of the lowest numbers of per-capita hospital beds in the U.S., and rising virus hospitalizations create a ripple effect, hospital leaders say, for other individuals who need care for other purposes within the health care system.

Masks and vaccines, the governor said, are the two tools the state will use to protect scarce hospital resources and the state's ongoing economic recovery: "We all have a role to play," said Gov. Lujan Grisham. "No one wants to go backward. No one wants to see our recovery

endangered by another – and preventable – surge of serious illness. No one wants a full hospital turning away New Mexicans who need care. So mask up indoors to stop the spread. And vaccinate if you haven't vaccinated. These two simple steps will protect our health care resources and ensure our economy can continue to rebound.

FACEMASKS INDOORS

Under a public health order issued by Acting Health Secretary David R. Scrase, M.D., **the reimplemented mask requirement applies to all individuals aged 2 and older in all indoor public settings – except when eating or drinking.**

The indoor mask requirement will be effective Friday, Aug. 20. It will remain in effect until at least September 15. The governor, acting upon the counsel and analysis of the state Medical Advisory Team and state health officials, may decide to extend or lift the requirement as necessary.

“We all want the pandemic to be over,” said Dr. Scrase. “But the virus has its own timeline. And the virus has mutated. At this stage, the Delta variant makes up virtually 100 percent of new COVID-19 cases in New Mexico. This variant spreads up to four times more rapidly than the virus we were dealing with last year. The good news is that vaccines work in preventing serious illness and death from a COVID-19 infection. The bad news is that the virus is still spreading and seriously harming unvaccinated people, and this means unsustainable strain in our hospital system. A mask helps stop the spread. Please do your part and help New Mexico stay on the right track: Mask up and get your shots.”

5. Sept. 8: SWCDs, producers invited to free webinar about connection between soil health and water conservation

An acre of healthy soil can hold hundreds of thousands of gallons of water. How would we go about capturing the full water conservation potential of healthy soil? And to what extent can the “soil sponge” help us reduce drought impacts?

In this free webinar hosted by [the Southwest Drought Learning Network](#), Mike Morris and Kara Kroeger of the National Center for Appropriate Technology will explain how NCAT's [Soil for Water project](#) is building a peer-to-peer network of innovative farmers and ranchers who are improving their soils and discovering ways to catch and store more water in them.

This webinar is intended for resource managers, agency professionals, farmers, ranchers, and others interested in soil and water conservation. NCAT encourages people to spread the word about the webinar to friends and colleagues.

The webinar is set for Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 3 to 4 p.m. MT. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-the-soil-for-water-project-tickets-167374205755>

6. Bureau of Land Management solicits initial public input on updating regulations for rights-of-way and renewable energy

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is initiating a process to revise its regulations related to renewable energy permitting and linear rights-of-way on public lands. As part of this process, the BLM is soliciting preliminary input from the public on this proposed rulemaking. On August 18, 2021, the BLM sent letters to potentially affected Tribes, and intends to hold separate virtual government-to-government consultation meetings with interested parties regarding the proposed rule.

The BLM invites interested stakeholders to join one or more virtual listening sessions on this [rulemaking](#) and related administrative actions, which will address linear rights-of-way, including electric transmission lines, and procedures relating to solar and wind energy projects on BLM-managed lands. The listening sessions are provided as a forum for individuals and organizations to offer input for the BLM to consider as it drafts proposed updates to these rules. Specifically, the BLM is interested hearing preliminary input related to the following:

- Rent schedules and fees for linear, solar, and wind energy rights-of-way
- Scenarios or criteria when reduced rents/fees are appropriate for wind and solar rights-of-way
- Competitive processes for wind and solar rights-of-way
- Potential extension beyond 30-years for wind and solar rights-of-way
- Application prioritization and screening rights-of-way
- Application processing time standards
- Other improvements to the BLM's administration of renewable energy and linear rights-of-way, including considerations related to environmental justice

Attendees must pre-register. Interested stakeholders may also submit written input in place of, or in addition to, the listening sessions, between Sept. 14, 2021, through Sept. 26, 2021, to energy@blm.gov. The four listening sessions will be held virtually via Zoom webinar at the following dates and times (Eastern Time):

Session 1 – National Emphasis: Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, 12-3 p.m.

Register at

https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_ibVdfPCVQcK970LbWsXu7A.

Session 2 – National Emphasis: Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, 7-10 p.m.

Register at https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_DyGDxsCRSTOLW-ncWIBmMw.

Session 3 – Regional emphasis (Arizona, California, Nevada): Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, 12-3 p.m.

Register at

https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_vLgRtvvKTc2GUqkaxK6QUw.

Session 4 – Regional emphasis (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming): Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, 12-3 p.m.

Register at https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Gof4T2ePToq7_rJ-VFB_aw.

Each listening session will be facilitated and recorded by the BLM to capture stakeholder input accurately and comprehensively. Any attendee may provide feedback during the sessions, but to ensure a wide range of voices are heard, attendees will be limited to three

minutes of oral comment and will also be able to submit questions or comments through the Zoom webinar tool.

The BLM anticipates publishing a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* by early 2022. At that time, opportunity for additional public review and comment will be available.

The BLM manages vast stretches of public lands that have the potential to make significant contributions to the nation's renewable energy portfolio. To promote the development of these energy sources, the BLM provides sites for environmentally sound development of renewable energy on public lands. The efficient deployment of renewable energy from our nation's public lands is crucial in achieving the Biden-Harris administration's goal of a carbon pollution-free power sector by 2035, as well as Congress' direction in the Energy Act of 2020 to permit 25 gigawatts of solar, wind, and geothermal production on public lands no later than 2025.

7. Free Online Course in Adaptation Planning and Practices

We are offering a free online course in Adaptation Planning and Practices for land owners and managers, agricultural producers, and natural resource professionals in the Rio Grande Basin. We are the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, and the USDA Southwest and Northern Forests Climate Hubs. It is our goal to assist private individuals and public agencies integrate climate change impacts information into their land, water and ecosystem management practices. Our online course gives hands on training for identifying relevant climate impacts and climate adaptation actions that will help participants plan for and respond to less predictable weather events and a warmer climate.

Participants will practice how to:

- Identify locally-important climate change impacts, challenges, and opportunities
- Better communicate with partners about key management decisions needed for a changing climate
- Develop specific actions to adapt agricultural systems to changing conditions
- Use the [Adaptation Workbook](#) to create their own "climate-informed" project

DATES: Weekly Oct 4 – Nov 15, 2021

FORMAT: Seven sessions. Each session (1.5 hours) includes a short presentation from the facilitators, followed by participant discussion and interactive activity.

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: Agricultural systems and other natural and working lands in the Rio Grande Basin.

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/RioGrandeAdapt>

8. AG Day 2021 at NMSU

AG Day will be held on Saturday, September 25. Please stay tuned at <https://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/ag-day/> for more information.

9. NM Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition Workshop & Conference

The 2021 New Mexico Watershed and Dam Owners Coalition (NMWDOC) Workshop and Conference is fast approaching. It's scheduled from September 29th through October 1st, in beautiful Raton, New Mexico. This promises to be a great event packed with information and training opportunities. The latest draft agenda is attached for your review.

For those who are interested the NMWDOC is looking for Sponsors. There are various levels of sponsorship available including booth space, sponsored breaks and an opportunity to sponsor the Reception. I've attached a description of the sponsorship opportunities and the sponsor registration form. If you are interested let me know: John Gwynne johngw@donaanacounty.org, or you can contact: Zack Libbin zlibbin@ebid-nm.org or Merry Jo Fahl jornadaresourceconservationdev@gmail.com.

10. NM Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting

The NM Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting (NMACD) will be virtual this year in November.

For the most up-to-date information, please contact NMACD or visit their website at: <http://www.nmacd.org/calendar>.

11. Lincoln National Forest Seeks Comments on Draft Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The USDA Forest Service invites the public to comment on a draft plan that will guide forest management practices for the 1.1 million-acre Lincoln National Forest in Southern New Mexico for the next 10 to 15 years.

Written and electronic comments will be accepted during the formal comment period from August 6, 2021, until November 5, 2021. Project documents, including the draft land management plan and draft environmental impact statement, and a link to comment are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45148>. Hard copies of the draft land management plan will be available at the Lincoln National Forest headquarters in Alamogordo and at all district offices.

The old forest plan has been in place since 1986 and needs to be updated to reflect the most current economic, social, and ecological conditions. The Draft Forest Plan emphasizes multiple uses supported by healthy ecosystems and addresses the need for a working forest to support local economies through livestock grazing, forest products, water resources, traditional uses, and sustainable recreation. The draft plan focuses on outcomes rather than outputs, includes shared stewardships, collaboration, and partnerships, adds monitoring, and uses adaptive management.

The draft land management plan preserves the two existing designated wildernesses (83,252 acres or 7.5 percent of the forest), and 12 inventoried roadless areas (176,900 acres or 16

percent of the forest); and recommends 21 new wilderness areas (40,500 acres or 4 percent of the forest) this includes one wilderness study area (21,300 acre). The draft land management plan protects significant cave systems with two proposed management areas. The Draft Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) are available on the [Lincoln National Forest - Forest Plan Revision webpage](#). The plan already reflect input from some elected officials, cooperating agencies, county and local governments, state and federal agencies, tribal governments, traditional communities, user groups, non-governmental organizations, natural resource professionals and the public.

The land management decision process is complex and based on various factors, including local economies, multiple use needs, and the best available science. Based on these factors and public input, the draft land management plan supports partnerships and an “all lands” approach to working across administrative boundaries to accelerate landscape-scale restoration of forested areas, watersheds and wildlife habitat and mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfire. The draft land management plan also addresses forest access through road maintenance objects and preserving the special characteristics of designated areas like wilderness, inventoried roadless areas, and wild and scenic rivers.

Lincoln National Forest is tentatively planning four public meetings to share the draft land management plan and draft environmental impact statement, pending COVID 19 restrictions. The meetings will be in Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, Carlsbad, and Alamogordo at the end of September. Should public meetings not be able to be held, virtual meetings will replace them. Information on public meetings will be posted on the forest’s website once details have been finalized.

12. REGENERATE 2021 Conference

This fall, the Quivira Coalition, [Holistic Management International](#), and the [American Grassfed Association](#) will continue our collaboration to convene ranchers, farmers, conservationists, land managers, scientists, health professionals, nutritionists, educators, students, and others for a hybrid conference exploring ideas of Weaving Water, Land, and People.

Understanding and recognizing how water, land, and people—the core elements of regenerative agriculture and land stewardship—are woven together is imperative. At this year’s conference, we will take a holistic approach to these elements that is grounded in several fundamental ideas: water is life; land includes terrestrial, aquatic, and atmospheric systems and all the relationships within them.

You can attend the conference in person or virtually from November 3-5. For more information, go to <https://quiviracoalition.org/regenerate/> .

13. Senate Bill 345 – SWCD Supervisor Stipends Reduced

SB 345 cuts the stipend that SWCD supervisors receive down from \$95 per meeting to \$45 per meeting. Here is the language:

(1)forty-five dollars (\$45.00) if the officer physically attends the board or committee meeting for less than four hours or the officer attends a virtual meeting of any duration during a single calendar day; or

(2)ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) if the officer physically attends the board or committee meeting for four hours or more during a single calendar day.

Since almost all of the SWCD meetings are less than 4 hours, supervisors can only get \$45 per meeting.

14. NACD Annual Meeting

The 2022 Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held next Feb. 12-16, 2022 in Orlando, Florida. Please visit their website for the most up-to-date information.

<https://www.nacdnet.org/news-and-events/annual-meeting/>

15. Records Management and Recording of Meetings during the Pandemic

Records Management Division provided some recommendations and guidance as to how long a recording of a district meeting needs to be held on file. The response by the Records Management Division was given:

Our recommendation for the recordings of the meetings, once the audio has been transcribed, the recording becomes non-records and can be destroyed at any time. The transcribed document shall become the official record and retained permanently.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Records Management Division at (505) 476-7921, or email Tanya Vigil at Tanya.Vigil@state.nm.us.

16. 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.

- 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>

17. Guidance from NMDA to SWCDs during COVID-19 Pandemic

The 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.

18. Rolling Quorums

NMDA would like to remind all SWCD and Watershed District 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.

19. 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/>

20. 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/>

<https://www.northerntool.com/shop/tools/NTESearch?storeId=6970&ipp=48&Ntt=face+mask>

<https://www.northernsafety.com/Product/353566/NSI-3Ply-Disposable-Mask>

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

21. 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=stelprd379144>
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- 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.