

Report to New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts

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| December | Review mileage and per diem policy. (See Item #1) |
| January | Reorganize district board: Elect chairman, vice chair, and secretary-treasurer |
| January | Report to SWCC name, address, and phone number of all board members and indicate chair, vice chair, and secretary-treasurer positions |
| January | Conduct district board mid-year budget review |
| January | Ensure the proper bonding policy is in place |
| January 31 st | 2 nd quarterly budget report is due to DFA-LGD (cc: SWCC region commissioner and NMDA) |
| January 31 st | WQ&C grant 2nd quarter report due to SWCC |
| January 31 st | SWCC \$3 million funding quarter report due to SWCC |

OMA Notification Requirements

Remember that if you have to hold a district board meeting at a date, time or location that deviates from the information you advertised in your Open Meetings Act resolution, you must advertise it accordingly. Here are the guidelines:

Regular Meeting – 10 Days Prior

Special Meeting – 3 Days Prior

Emergency Meeting – 24 Hours Prior

1. Review Your Mileage and Per Diem Policy

NMDA recently received some guidance from DFA on the questions posed by some SWCD auditors on the Mileage and Per Diem Policy. Please review the guidance below at the next board meeting.

*A Local Public Body can pay up to the full IRS published rate from the previous year **IF** they formally pass it by their counsel/commission/committee **and** have it written into their policy and procedure. If they do not formally adopt this change they can only pay up to the 80% of the published rate from the previous year.*

*This is the ONLY part of the travel and per diem rule that a Local Public Body can choose to pay a full IRS rate. A Local Public Body can choose to be more stringent in the other published rates but they **CANNOT** exceed the State issued maximums.*

If a supervisor or district employee uses their personal vehicle, they are eligible for mileage at the Internal Revenue Service standard mileage rate set **January 1 of the previous year**. The state statute and rule for this can be found in the Mileage and Per Diem Act [10-8-4(D) NMSA 1978] and Mileage and Per Diem Rule (2.42.2 NMAC). The Internal Revenue Service standard mileage rate can be found on the IRS website at:
<http://www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/Standard-Mileage-Rates>

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2023, the IRS standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 65.5 cents per mile for business miles driven
- 14 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 22 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The following link summarizes the optional standard mileage rates for employees, self-employed individuals, or other taxpayers to use in computing the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical, or moving expense purposes:
<https://www.irs.gov/Tax-Professionals/Standard-Mileage-Rates>

2. Open Meetings Act Resolution Reminder

When preparing to publish the Open Meetings Resolution, remember that the state sets a limit on advertising rates that can be charged to governmental entities for required advertisements. Title 1, Chapter 4, part 4 of the New Mexico Administrative Code states: “...the newspaper publisher is entitled to receive no more than:

- A. \$.63 cents (\$.63) for each column line of eight point or smaller type for the first insertion
- B. \$.49 cents (\$.49) per line of each subsequent insertion
- C. All emblems, display headings, rule work and necessary blank spaces shall be calculated as solid type and shall be counted and paid for as such.”

3. Two opportunities to attend SWCD Supervisor Training by NMDA: Jan. 10 and 12

NMDA will hold two online trainings for all new and current SWCD supervisors. NMDA strongly encourages all newly elected supervisors to attend one of these trainings. District managers are also welcome to attend.

- January 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/87263145666>
Meeting ID: 872 6314 5666
- January 12th from 10 a.m. to noon
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/82203848920>

Meeting ID: 822 0384 8920

For more information please contact your SWCD specialist.

4. NMDA's Healthy Soil Program grants: Outreach webinars January 16 and 18, application available in February

NMDA's Healthy Soil Program team is gearing up for February 2024 when we will roll out the application materials for Fiscal Year 2025 grant-funded projects. We'll begin our outreach webinars in January, as noted for each applicant type below.

FOR FY25 INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT PROJECTS: NMDA encourages would-be applicants to complete conservation planning with NRCS as soon as possible. The resulting documentation must inform the project for which the Individual Applicant seeks funding from NMDA's Healthy Soil Program.

Register here to attend the January 16, 2024 (5:30 to 7 p.m.) outreach webinar for Individual Applicants: <https://tinyurl.com/4ew4fdky>

FOR FY25 ELIGIBLE ENTITY PROJECTS: NMDA encourages SWCDs and other Eligible Entities to begin thinking about the soil health-improvement projects they want to implement within their jurisdiction. You can start by identifying where soil health-related resource concerns are present on the land, then identify the soil health principles and practices you can implement to address those resource concerns.

Register here to attend the January 18, 2024 (10 to 11:30 a.m.) outreach webinar for Eligible Entities: <https://tinyurl.com/2td5dndm>

Stay informed about NMDA's Healthy Soil Program by subscribing to **our weekly Healthy Soil Program e-newsletter** using the form at the bottom of the program's website: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/healthy-soil-program.html>.

5. Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund

The Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund (LOE Fund) was created as part of a permanent fund for several state agencies through Senate Bill 9 (SB9) passed in the 55th (2023) legislative session; on July 1, 2024 and each year thereafter, an annual distribution shall be made from the LOE Fund. New Mexico Department of Agriculture's (NMDA) share (22.5%) of the LOE Fund will support Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and Watershed Districts (WDs) programs; NMDA's Noxious Weed Program; and NMDA's Healthy Soil Program.

***This pilot project funding for NMDA's share of LOE Fund grants only pertains to SWCDs and WDs programs.**

The application period will open 12 p.m. (NOON) Mountain Standard Time on **Friday, March 1, 2024**. All applications are due by 12 p.m. (NOON) Mountain Standard Time on **Friday, May 3, 2024**. No exceptions.

SWCDs and WDs may submit one or more applications for one or more types of projects in the LOE Fund grant.

All SWCDs and WDs must be in good standing with the Department of Finance & Administration (quarterly budget reports, annual budget) and be up-to-date with the Office of the State Auditor (annual audit). If a SWCD or WD is not in compliance or good standing, do not proceed.

SWCDs can apply for all types of projects, except for capacity building and conservation planning, on a yearly basis. SWCDs may apply for conservation planning once. SWCDs may apply for capacity building every other year.

WDs can apply for capacity-building every other year and landscape-scale restoration projects, on a yearly basis.

SWCDs can apply for LOE Fund grants for all of the following types of projects and WDs can apply for only those they are specifically listed under:

Up to \$20,000 per Capacity-Building Project, including but not limited to: developing an Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) in order to pursue capital outlay funding from the state; WDs (project design or preliminary professional review/assessment of dam or infrastructure conditions); or projects that will enable SWCDs and WDs to meet their long-range plan and mission.

SWCDs and WDs may apply for this funding every other year.

Up to \$25,000 for Conservation Planning: SWCDs can write their own conservation plan with clear goals for implementation. SWCDs can also seek assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or a contractor to create a conservation plan.

SWCDs may apply for this funding once.

Up to \$250,000 per Landscape-Scale Restoration Project, including but not limited to: Fire Mitigation, Post Fire Restoration, and Watershed Restoration, etc. Projects must match and leverage federal funding. Projects must also include an outreach and education component. Landscape scale restoration/conservation means projects that effectively leverage federal and non-federal dollars to restore healthy and resilient landscapes and communities across multi-jurisdictions.

Noxious weed projects must be a follow-up to restoration; otherwise SWCDs and WDs must apply for such funding through other grants. Vegetation and noxious weed management activities will be considered for funding only if they have a direct relationship with other proposed or completed restoration activities and objectives related to the restoration project that is being applied for. Only SWCDs and WDs are eligible for these funds; Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) are not eligible for these funds.

SWCDs and WDs may apply for this funding every year.

IMPORTANT: Produced water, brackish water, and saline water projects are not eligible for funding.

Up to \$15,000 per Community Outreach and Education Project: SWCDs may propose projects for outreach and education activities that are not tied to a Landscape-Scale Restoration Project. These types of projects are intended for, but not limited to, educational post-restoration project videos and other forms of outreach. Other outreach and educational activities are welcome.

SWCDs may apply for this funding every year.

6. SWCD Zoning

If districts want to consider zoning, it must be done according to the SWCD Act. Refer to the relevant part of the SWCD Act below.

73-20-39. Election of supervisors; district zones.

In adopting and publishing rules for the election of supervisors and the registration of district voters, the commission may, to ensure proper representation of district voters and to facilitate district functions, provide for the geographic zoning of a district. The commission shall provide for the proper and equitable representation for each faction geographically zoned in the district. If a district is divided, or if two or more districts are consolidated, the commission shall provide for the geographic zoning of the resulting district or districts within thirty days after the secretary of state issues the certificate of organization for each new district.

History: 1953 Comp., § 45-5-54, enacted by Laws 1965, ch. 137, § 13; 1973, ch. 324, § 8; 1977, ch. 254, § 69; [2003, ch. 88, § 12](#).

ANNOTATIONS

The 2003 amendment, effective June 20, 2003, deleted "district" from the section heading; substituted "publishing" for "promulgating" near the beginning of the section, deleted "district" following "election of" near the beginning of the section and substituted "voters" for "landowners" near the middle of the section.

Election of soil and water conservation district's board of supervisors must comply with principle of "one person, one vote". — Where petitioner filed a petition for writ of mandamus in the district court objecting to the adoption of geographic voting zones with significantly unequal population for the election of the Dona Ana County Soil and Water Conservation District's board of supervisors, arguing that the voting zones, as drawn, violated the United States Constitution's "one person, one vote" requirement, diluting the voting power of petitioner and the other residents of the zone that includes the City of Las Cruces, and where the district court found that the soil and water conservation commission's approval of the voting zones was not authorized by the legislature, was inconsistent with the commission's statutory duty under [73-20-39](#) NMSA 1978 of the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation District Act to ensure proper and equitable representation of district voters, and was in violation of the "one person, one vote"

mandate of the United States Constitution, the district court did not err in granting the petition for writ of mandamus, because the inequality in population of the zones conflicted with both [73-20-39](#) NMSA 1978 and with the equal protection clause of the United States Constitution. *Price v. N.M. Soil & Water Conservation Comm'n*, [2023-NMCA-011](#).

Am. Jur. 2d, A.L.R. and C.J.S. references. — 94 C.J.S. Waters § 320.

7. SWCD Board Reorganization and Oath of Office

During the January board meeting, SWCDs need to reorganize by electing a chairman, vice chairman and secretary-treasurer. Newly elected supervisors also need to sign their Oath of Office form (which must also be notarized). Attached is an Oath of Office form. Please be sure to have both board reorganization and Oath of Office on the January agenda as an action item.

Once the board is reorganized, please submit an updated list of all board members to the SWCC and cc your SWCD specialist. Please indicate on the list of supervisors their contact information and the chair, vice chair and secretary-treasurer titles.

For more information on the Oath of Office process and how to file it once completed, please visit: <https://www.sos.nm.gov/candidate-and-campaigns/search-public-information-data/oath-of-office/>.

8. NMDA to hold specialty crop grant program workshops

More than \$500,000 in funding is available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Feb. 14 is the grant proposal deadline.

The USDA established the grant program to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops, which are defined by the USDA as “fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops.”

For more information, please visit: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/new-release/2023/over-500000-in-funding-available-to-new-mexicans-through-usda-specialty-crop-block-grant-program.html>

The items below are items that might be of interest to SWCDs. These items were retrieved from various sources outside of NMDA.

9. River Stewardship Program 2024

The General Services Department State Purchasing Division and the New Mexico Environment Department have released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2024 River Stewardship Program. The purpose of the procurement is to solicit proposals to establish contractual obligations through a competitive process for the procurement of services to plan, design, and construct projects that improve surface water quality or river habitat statewide.

The RFP can be accessed at the active procurements section of the State Purchasing Division website at: <https://www.generalservices.state.nm.us/state-purchasing/active-itbs-and-rfps/active-procurements/>

Proposals are due January 4, 2024 at 3:00 pm MST.

The River Stewardship Program builds on the success of past efforts with Clean Water Act funding and state funding for watersheds, rivers and wetlands. The objectives of the River Stewardship Program include:

- Enhancing the economic benefits of healthy river systems, such as improved opportunities to hunt, fish, float and view wildlife.
- Restoring or maintaining the hydrology of streams and rivers to better handle overbank flows and reduce flooding downstream.
- Providing match required to leverage federal grants, ensuring that New Mexico continues to receive these funds.

For more information visit: <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/river-stewardship-program/>

10. Forestry Division: Hiring and Program Opportunities

- **Burned Area Coordinator:** This position will plan and implement post-fire recovery processes tailored to specific disasters and communities in coordination with DHSEM, FEMA, USDA Forest Services, other state and federal agencies, local governments, tribes, community organizations, and landowners. The position will support the implementation of federal disaster relief programs, work with Division staff to plan and implement recovery projects in post-fire landscapes, and provide technical assistance to impacted forest landowners. The posting ends on 1/14/2023 but applications may close at any time once an applicant list has been pulled. For further details and to apply, visit: [Careers \(state.nm.us\)](https://careers.state.nm.us)
- **Fire Scientist and Decision Support Analyst:** This position will coordinate and administer statewide wildfire modeling and predictive services including wildfire intelligence collection and dissemination, wildfire weather and wildfire behavior forecasting and applications. The posting ends on 1/14/2023 but applications may close at any time

once an applicant list has been pulled. For further details and to apply, visit: [Careers \(state.nm.us\)](https://careers.state.nm.us)

PROGRAMS: All programs have further information and applications available on the Division's [Submittable](#) page.

- **Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Non-profits RFP:** The Forestry Division is seeking proposals from 501(c)(3) organizations for urban and community forestry projects to assist communities in developing and maintaining sustainable stewardship of urban and community forestry resources in New Mexico. The Forestry Division shall give higher priority to projects that support expanding equitable tree canopy cover and access to nature-deprived disadvantaged communities experiencing low tree canopy and environmental justice issues. **The deadline for submittal is 11:59 PM on January 26, 2024.**
- **Hermit's Peak-Calf Canyon Hazard Tree Mitigation Services RFP:** Together with the USDA Forest Service, the Forestry Division seeks to mitigate hazard trees that threaten roads, structures, and powerlines on private lands within the Hermit's Peak-Calf Canyon Fire area. The objective of this RFP is to select one or more contractors capable of providing both project planning and implementation services necessary to complete priority tree mitigation. **The deadline for submittal is 4:30 PM on December 29, 2023.**
- **The Forest and Watershed Restoration Act (FAWRA):** FAWRA allows governmental entities, tribes, and NGOs to work with the Forestry Division to identify and recommend landscape-scale projects. FAWRA proposals can be submitted year-round on the Division's [Submittable](#) page, and proposals are evaluated by the FAWRA Advisory Board quarterly. For more information visit: [Forest and Watershed Restoration Act \(FAWRA\) - Forestry \(nm.gov\)](#)

11. NM Water Dialogue Statewide Meeting

The Annual NM Water Dialogue Meeting will focus on the 2023 NM Water Security Planning Act. Hear from diverse, enthusiastic experts who will share their perspectives on the regional water planning framework created by this new law. The afternoon is devoted to dialogue in small groups and receiving input from all participants to inspire a groundswell action.

Presented in partnership with Water Advocates for NM & Middle Rio Grande on January 11, 2024 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

Registration now open, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ytm7fh49>

12. NRCS NM Announces January 19, 2024, Deadline to Sign Up for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in New Mexico announced today the January 19, 2024, deadline to sign up for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land.

In New Mexico, the following projects, listed below, will receive over \$3 Million combined in funding through RCPP. Partner organizations will also receive money to help provide technical assistance for these projects.

- **2018 San Juan Non-Native Phreatophyte Removal Program**
- **2018 Eastern New Mexico Prairie Grassland Initiative**
- **2018 North Central NM Watershed Restoration Project**
- **2014 Building Resiliency in the San Juan/Rio Chama**

[Full News Release](#)

13. 2023 Annual Hay Conference

The 2024 Hay Conference will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center January 24th- 26th. Hotel reservations can be made at MCM Elegante located next to the Convention Center (575) 258-5500. For more information please visit: <http://www.nmhay.com/2024-conference.html>.

14. Soil and Water Conservation Day at the Legislature

Soil and Water Conservation Day in Santa Fe at the Legislature will be held on January 31, 2024 at the State Capitol/Rotunda. If the district would like to set up a booth, contact NMACD. All SWCDs are encouraged to attend.

15. USDA Requests Public Input on Reporting for Foreign Agriculture Land Holdings

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is requesting public input – due by Feb. 16, 2024 – on how foreign filers report agricultural land holdings in the United States. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is proposing to update the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act Report form so that reporting can include data on long-term lessees, data to assess the impacts of foreign investment on agricultural producers and rural communities, and to gather geospatial information. For more information, visit the website below:

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2023/usda-requests-public-input-on-reporting-for-foreign-agriculture-land-holdings?utm_campaign=121523afida&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

16. NM Mexico Forestry Division Spring 2024 Conservation Seedling Sale

Ordering for seedlings from the NM Forestry Division Conservation seedling program for Spring 2024 begins December 4, 2023, and orders will be accepted through April 19, 2024. Distribution of seedlings begins March 11, 2023, and ends on April 26, 2024.

You may order on-line at: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/seedlings/>. The cost of seedlings is \$90.00 per 49 small container seedlings, \$64.00 per 50 bareroot seedlings. Also available: Rocky Mountain juniper available in 16 cubic inch containers for \$57.00 per 20 seedlings and Prairie Sky poplar available in 40 cubic inch containers for \$90.00 per 20 seedlings. Please note there is a \$5.00 handling fee per order and for each lot of seedlings ordered that are shipped UPS there is a \$20.00 shipping fee.

17. USDA Now Accepting Applications for Farm Loans Online

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has launched an online application for Direct Loan customers. More than 26,000 customers who submit a Direct Loan application each year can now use an online, interactive, guided application that is paperless and provides helpful features including an electronic signature option, the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns, complete a balance sheet and build a farm operating plan.

18. Gov. Lujan Grisham to Establish First-of-its-Kind Strategic Water Supply

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham announced a first-of-its-kind strategic water supply to increase drought resilience and advance clean energy production and storage.

The strategic water supply will support the nation's transition to renewable energy by providing resources for water-intensive processes around creating green hydrogen, storing energy produced by wind and solar, and manufacturing electric vehicles, microchips, solar panels, and wind turbines, for example.

Through a \$500 million investment, New Mexico will purchase treated brackish and treated produced water to build the strategic water supply. In early 2024, the New Mexico Environment Department will issue guidance and seek proposals from companies interested in pursuing a contract. Companies that are awarded an advanced market commitment contract can secure private capital to build and operate water treatment facilities with the assurance the State of New Mexico will purchase the water.

Gov. Lujan Grisham will seek the \$500 million in non-general fund dollars. This includes \$250 million to be appropriated in the upcoming legislative session and \$250 million in the 2025 legislative session. This funding is secured through revenues from severance taxes collected on oil, gas, and other natural resources that are "severed" from the ground.

Strategically locating brackish and produced water treatment facilities around the state can offset demand for freshwater.

The New Mexico Environment Department recently requested public comments on [proposed water reuse rules](#). The New Mexico Environment Department will provide a detailed roadmap for companies to express interest in pursuing an advanced market commitment contract with the State of New Mexico after the legislative session concludes in February 2024. Interested parties should [sign up here](#) to receive future notifications.

19. Stakeholder Identification for NMED’s Proposed Water Reuse Regulations

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED or Department), as delegated by the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC), has begun the preliminary stages of drafting the State’s *Ground and Surface Water Protection – Supplemental Requirements for Water Reuse* (20.6.8 NMAC), including the restricted reuse of treated produced water (water derived from oil and gas activities) for purposes outside of and unrelated to the oil and gas industry. The Department is seeking identification of those persons, organizations or governments who may be directly impacted by, have a legal obligation to, or have some other particularized interest in reclaimed water reuse regulations.

If you feel you, or the entity you represent, may have a potentially affected interest, please email pw.environment@env.nm.gov and ask to be placed on a stakeholder list. When responding by email please enter “NMED’s Reuse Regulation Stakeholder” in the subject line and include your name, title (as applicable), affiliation (as applicable), email, phone number, mailing address, and areas of interest or concern in the body of the email. This list will be used to contact and provide updates to those individuals or entities prior to any public noticing of proposed changes.

Information regarding the State’s efforts to develop this regulation will be posted on the Department’s website in the near future. Once a draft of the proposed Ground and Surface Water Reuse Regulation is available, there will be a formal public notice and public comment period. Following the public comment period, the Department will petition the WQCC for a public hearing. The Department will notice the hearing in accordance with the WQCC Rulemaking Procedures under 20.1.6 NMAC. The rulemaking procedures include opportunities for participation by the public. For more information, please visit: <https://www.env.nm.gov/water-reuse/>.

20. 2022 Annual Statistical Bulletin

The New Mexico Field Office of USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), in cooperation with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, is pleased to announce the publication of the 2022 New Mexico Agricultural Statistics bulletin. The current bulletin can be found on the USDA NASS New Mexico website using the following link:

[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/New Mexico/Publications/Annual Statistical Bulletin/2022/2022-NM-Ag-Statistics.pdf](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Annual_Statistical_Bulletin/2022/2022-NM-Ag-Statistics.pdf)

21. New Mexico Reforestation Center Receives Permanent Home in Mora Santa Fe

New Mexico is taking a major step in the critical process of restoring forests that have been devastated by wildfires and impacted by climate change by identifying a site for constructing a new reforestation center.

Earlier this month, the New Mexico Reforestation Center Board chose the site of the current John T. Harrington (JTH) Forestry Research Center in Mora as the home for the new facility.

New seedling nursery and research center to scale up production to 5 million seedlings per year.

22. Certified Burn Manager Training from New Mexico Forest Division now available online

New Mexico Forestry Division's free Certified Burn Manager Training online nine-element training is now live and available on our Canvas platform at <https://nmforestryrx.instructure.com/login/canvas>. You also can find the link to this training on the New Mexico Forestry Division website at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/prescribed-burning/>. This training is one of the key elements to becoming a certified burn manager and one or all elements of the nine-element training are mandatory to be a certified burn manager whether seeking pile burn certification or broadcast burn certification. All users will need to create an account on the Canvas platform in order successfully enroll into the nine-element training whether you are seeking pile burn certification or broadcast burn certification. This training is self-paced, and all interested are highly encouraged to enroll. If you encounter any technical or content issues, please contact coordinator Brian Filip at Brian.Filip@emnrd.nm.gov or by cell phone (505) 470-2210. New Mexico Forestry Division highly encourages you to spread this information to all individuals interested in participating in the Certified Manager Program.

23. NM Fire Information: Stay Informed about Fires & Post-Fire Recovery Efforts

New Mexico Fire Information (<https://nmfireinfo.com/information/>) is an interagency effort by federal and state agencies in New Mexico to provide timely, accurate, fire and restriction information for the entire state. The agencies that support the site are the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, State of New Mexico, and U.S. Forest Service. The site is updated as often as new information is available from the Southwest Coordination Center, individual forests, national parks, state lands, tribal lands and BLM offices. The aim is to provide one website

where the best available information and links related to wildfire and restrictions can be accessed.

24. Assistance Programs posted on NMDA's Website

NMDA has compiled a list of all state and federal assistance programs available. 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: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/assistance-programs.html>