



OVERVIEW, GOALS AND PAYMENTS

*WORKING WITH PRIVATE LANDOWNERS TO  
CONSERVE AND ENHANCE WILDLIFE HABITAT AND  
PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING.*



# OVERVIEW

## Funding

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- **Open Gate program established in 2005. Funding is derived from the sale of the Habitat Management and Access Validation (HMAV)**
- **\$1.00 of each HMAV**
- **\$250K annual budget**

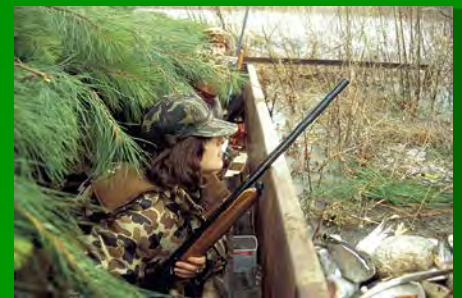
## Enrollment

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- **2010 – 30 partnerships – Access to over 100,000 privately held acres and over 50,000 acres of State Trust and Federal lands**
- **2010 – Activities included dove, quail, turkey, crane, waterfowl, deer, and javelina hunting and fishing**

# GOALS

- PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCESS PRIVATE LANDS &
- CREATE ACCESS CORRIDORS THROUGH PRIVATE LANDS TO INACCESSIBLE PUBLIC LANDS FOR HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING



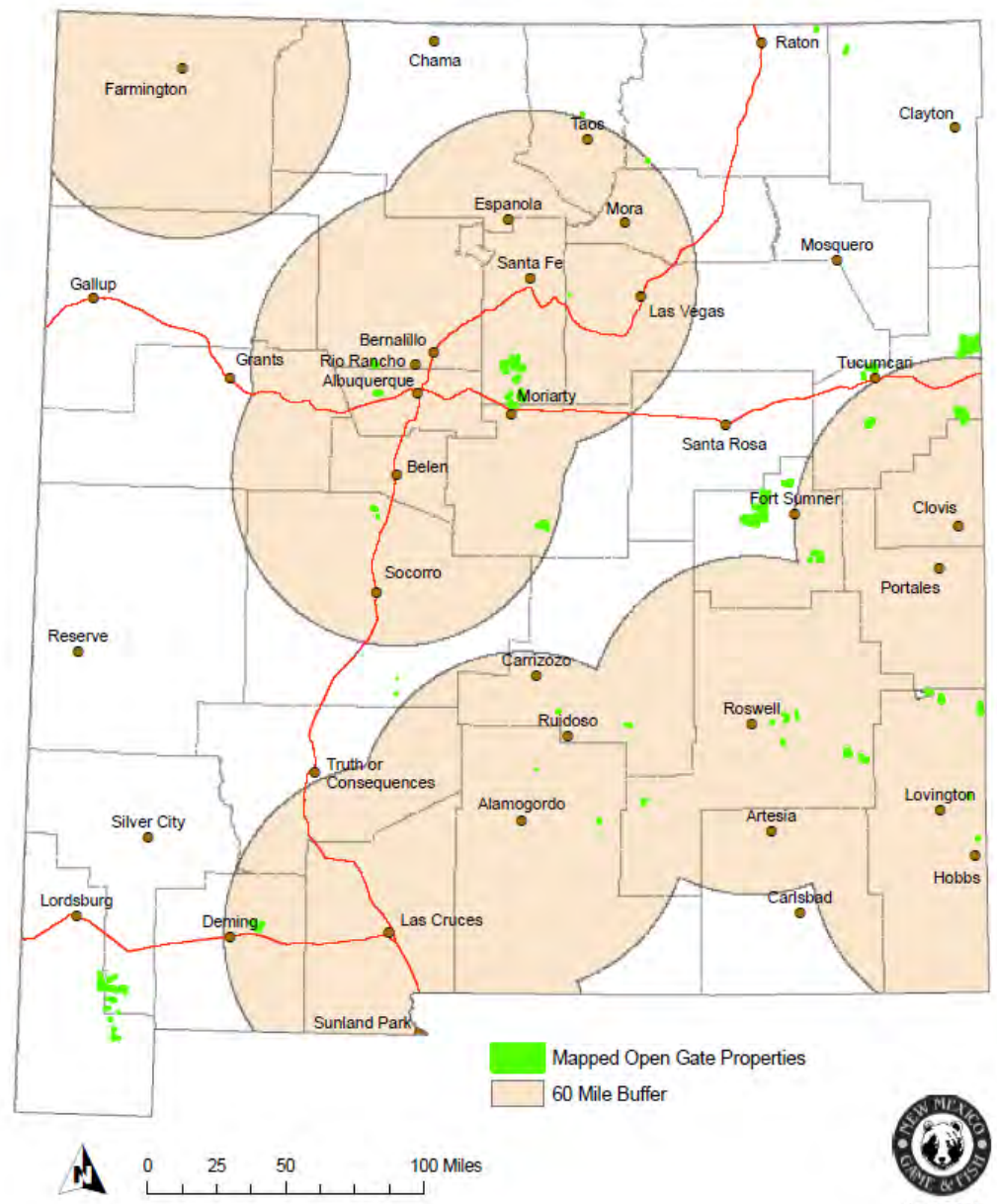
# TARGETED APPROACH

## Population centers

	Population Estimate, 2010
New Mexico	2,059,179
Target Area	1,631,123
Percentage of Population	79%

<http://2010.census.gov/news/releases/operations/cb11-cn87.html>

60 mile radius around the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area (Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Rio Rancho, Belen), Las Cruces, Sunland Park, Santa Fe, Roswell, Farmington, Clovis, Hobbs, and Alamogordo.



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# Property Evaluation

## Hunting

- Only acreage providing wildlife habitat will be included in payment calculation
- Property evaluated by Department staff and ranked as high, medium or low based on meeting program objectives
  - Potential Hunter Use
  - Potential Hunting Opportunities
  - Habitat Quality

## Fishing

- Evaluations conducted in similar manner
  - Potential Angler Use
  - Accessibility
  - Fishery Quality



# HUNTING ACCESS RATES

## Small Game, Waterfowl, Turkey, & Javelina Hunting

	Grassland	Woodland	Cropland	Wetland	Riparian
High Rate	\$1.00/acre	\$2.00/acre	\$2.50/acre	\$8.00/acre	\$10.00/acre
Mid Rate	\$0.50/acre	\$1.60/acre	\$2.00/acre	\$6.40/acre	\$8.00/acre
Low Rate	\$0.25/acre	\$1.20/acre	\$1.50/acre	\$4.80/acre	\$6.00/acre

**Deer Hunting:** Enrollments that include access for deer hunting receive a 25% increase to per acre rates for Small Game, Waterfowl, Turkey, & Javelina Hunting. Enrollments that include restricted access for youth only deer hunting (if applicable) receive a 10% increase to per acre rates.

## Bear, Cougar & Furbearers

## Access to Inaccessible Public Land

	All Seasons		All Seasons
Single Rate	\$0.15/Acre	Single Rate	\$0.50/Acre

# FISHING ACCESS RATES

## Warm & Cold Water Fishing

	Pond Acreage	Stream Length (Both Sides)	Stream Length (One Side)
High Rate	\$250.00/Surface Acre	\$2500.00/Mile	\$1250.00/Mile
Mid Rate	\$125.00/Surface Acre	\$1250.00/Mile	\$625.00/Mile
Low Rate	\$62.50/Surface Acre	\$625.00/Mile	\$312.50/Mile



# OPEN GATE ANNUAL RATES

## HUNTING ACCESS RATES

Small Game, Waterfowl, Turkey, & Javelina Hunting					
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**Small Game, Waterfowl, Turkey, & Javelina Hunting:** Access is provided to private land for hunting small game, waterfowl and turkey during open seasons on an unlimited entry basis. **High Rates** must meet 3 of the following conditions; **Mid Rates** must meet 2 of the following conditions; **Low Rates** must meet 1 of the following conditions.

- ✓ Potential Hunter Use: Acreage must be located within 60 miles of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Roswell, Farmington, Clovis, Hobbs, and Alamogordo.
- ✓ Potential Hunting Opportunities: Acreage must provide access to hunt three or more of the following game, Small Game, Quail, Dove, Waterfowl, Turkey, Pheasant, or Javelina.
- ✓ Habitat Quality: Acreage must have good supply of food, cover, water, and space for huntable game. Determined through NMDGF evaluation.

**Deer Hunting:** Enrollments that include access for deer hunting receive a 25% increase to per acre rates for Small Game, Waterfowl, Turkey, & Javelina Hunting. Enrollments that include restricted access for youth only deer hunting (if applicable) receive a 10% increase to per acre rates for Small Game, Waterfowl, Turkey, & Javelina Hunting.

Bear, Cougar & Furbearers		Access to Inaccessible Public Land	
	All Seasons		All Seasons
Single Rate	\$0.15/acre	Single Rate	\$0.50/acre

**Bear, Cougar & Furbearers:** Access is provided to private land for hunting Bear and Cougar and hunting/trapping Protected Furbearers during open seasons on an unlimited entry basis. Property must contain at least 5 square miles of contiguous acreage.

**Access to Inaccessible Public Land:** Access is provided through an access corridor on private land to public land that is completely surrounded (landlocked) by private land, legally precluding public access. Acreage calculated for payment includes only the public land that is landlocked within the boundary of private ownership. Payment is for access fees only. Access must be provided year-round with no season or species restrictions on an unlimited basis.

## FISHING ACCESS RATES

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**Warm & Cold Water Fishing:** Access is provided to private land for fishing during open seasons and dates on an unlimited entry basis. **High Rates** must meet 3 of the following conditions; **Mid Rates** must meet 2 of the following conditions; **Low Rates** must meet 1 of the following conditions.

- ✓ Potential Angler Use: Waters must be located within 60 miles of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Roswell, Farmington, Clovis, Hobbs, and Alamogordo.
- ✓ Accessibility: Waters must be reasonably accessible to as many people as possible.
- ✓ Fishery Quality: Waters must be able to support a recreational lease and have a self sustaining fishery that will not require additional stocking. Determined through NMDGF evaluation.

To provide support for the development and maintenance of fish and game habitat and to promote quality recreational experiences, the Department provides technical guidance and incentives for habitat improvements on long-term (e.g. 5+ years) Open Gate enrollments.

\*Please contact the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish at 505-476-8043 to sign up or learn more about these opportunities.

All rates are subject to change without notice. Participation in the Open Gate program is voluntary and enrollment is contingent on the annual availability of funds. Access agreements are subject to consideration for access rights granted by the landowner and payment is conditioned upon having granted access to licensed sportsmen during the designated hunting season in the year for which payment is claimed.



For more information on the Open Gate Program please visit [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or call (505) 476-8043.