



Review of Gaining Access Into Nature (GAIN) Program

19.34.3 NMAC



**17-4-33. Gaining access into nature program;
policy; additional powers of state game
commission.**

A. It is the policy of the state of New Mexico to encourage and promote wildlife-associated recreation in New Mexico and to provide for public participation in the use of available natural resources in a manner that will benefit the general public in its enjoyment of public assets and the state and its political subdivisions in increased economic development.



- B. To implement the state policy, the state game commission shall develop and administer a "gaining access into nature program" pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- C. In addition to its other powers, in order to develop and administer the gaining access into nature program, the state game commission may:
- 4) issue permits, special use licenses and other authorizations for access to individuals and organizations to access state game commission properties
 - (6) adopt such rules as it deems necessary for programs, events or other activities to properly implement the goals and the administration of the gaining access into nature program; and
- (c) the reasonable costs of maintenance and repair of habitat and properties being used for public access under the provisions of this section; and



TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
CHAPTER 34 WILDLIFE HABITAT AND LANDS
PART 3 USE OF STATE GAME COMMISSION LANDS

19.34.3.11 PERMITTING PROCEDURE:

- A. The director may designate land on which wildlife-associated recreation activities other than, or in addition to, hunting, fishing, and trapping may take place subject to commission rule.
- E. The director shall specify restrictions for each activity designated in Subsection A of 19.34.3.11 NMAC. Such restrictions shall be posted on each property on which a designated activity is permitted, and such restrictions shall be available on the department web site (www.wildlife.state.nm.us).



19.34.3.13 USE OF LAND:

C. It shall be unlawful for any person 18 years of age or older to enter designated land without having in his or her possession either a **current hunting, fishing, trapping or limited use license, a permit**, a valid park permit issued for a state park associated with that land, or special activity permit where required; **and a habitat management and access validation (HMAV)**. A permit and HMAV shall not be required for that portion of a designated land upon which a New Mexico state park is operated.

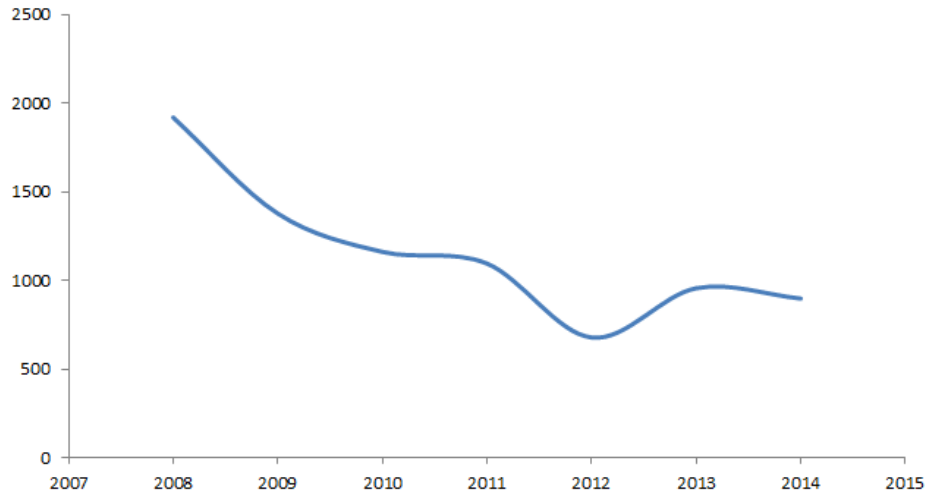
Property	Wildlife viewing, photography, hiking, biking, skiing	Horseback riding	Camping	Fishing *	Hunting *
Pecos Complex (Clancy, Mora, Terrero, Koch)	Year-round. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Allowed, but opportunities are extremely limited.	Year-round. Koch area: Primitive camping only in designated area.	Year-round. Special trout and regular waters.	No hunting opportunities.
Charette Lakes	March 1-Oct. 31. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Allowed but opportunities are extremely limited.	March 1-Oct. 31	March 1-Oct. 31	Waterfowl during season, October-January.
Colin Neblett	Tolby and Maverick trails open year-round except closed May 15-July 31. Clear Creek Trail open year-round. Bicycling prohibited on all trails.	Tolby and Maverick trails closed May 15-July 31. Clear Creek closed year-round.	Only licensed deer and elk hunters may camp in designated areas during their hunt.	Year-round. Regular fishing regulations.	Bear, deer, elk, turkey and small game.
Elliott Barker	April 1-May 14 and Aug. 1-Dec. 14. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	April 1-May 14 and Aug. 1 - Dec. 14.	Only licensed hunters may camp in designated areas only during hunt.	Allowed, but limited opportunities because of previous forest fire.	Bear, deer, elk, turkey, and small game.
McAllister Lake	March 1-Oct. 31. Access allowed only Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during waterfowl hunting seasons (October-January). Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Allowed, but opportunities are extremely limited.	Not allowed.	March 1-Oct. 31. Regular trout waters.	Waterfowl during season, October-January.
Rio de los Pinos	Year-round. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Year-round.	Year-round.	Year-round. Special trout and regular trout waters.	Access to BLM and U.S. Forest Service lands.
Urraca	July 1 - Dec. 14 and April 1 - May 14. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	July 1 - Dec. 14 and April 1 - May 14.	Only licensed hunters may camp in designated areas only during hunt.	No fishing opportunities.	Deer, elk, and small game.
Wagon Mound	Year-round. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Year-round.	Not allowed.	No fishing opportunities.	Waterfowl during season, October-January.
Bluebird Mesa	Year-round, but subject to U.S. Forest Service winter road closure. Bicycling not allowed.	Year-round.	Not allowed.	No fishing opportunities.	Bear, deer, elk, turkey, and small game.
Edward Sargent	Year-round. Bicycling allowed only on established roads. All users restricted to designated areas from May 15 - June 30, and during elk hunts in September and November. Please see specific area restrictions on map posted at area entrance.	Year-round. Restricted to designated areas May 15 - June 30 and during elk hunts in September and November. Licensed hunters may ride during their hunt.	Allowed only in designated areas from July 1 - Nov. 15. Licensed hunters may camp only in designated areas during their hunt.	Year-round. Special trout waters. Fishing limited to designated areas from May 15 - June 30.	Bear, deer, elk, turkey, and small game.
Jackson Lake	Year-round. Access restricted to property west of Highway 170. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Allowed, but opportunities are extremely limited.	Not allowed.	Year-round. Regular fishing regulations.	Waterfowl during season, October-January.
Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Complex (Bernardo)	Access restricted to auto tour route, trails, and viewing sites. Visitors do not need a GAIN permit or HMAV. Tour route closed Dec. 29, Dec. 31, Jan. 19 and Jan. 21. Bicycling not allowed.	Not allowed.	Not allowed.	April 1 - Aug. 31. Regular fishing regulations.	September teal hunting in season. Waterfowl in season, October-March.
Ladd S. Gordon Waterfowl Complex (La Joya)	March 15 - Aug. 31. Users of open roads do not need a GAIN permit or HMAV. Users off open roads need a GAIN permit and HMAV.	March 15 - Aug. 31. Riders off open roads need a GAIN permit and HMAV.	Not allowed.	April 1 - Aug. 31. Regular fishing regulations.	September teal hunting in season. Waterfowl in season, October-March.
Rio Chama	Memorial Day weekend through Nov. 15, except during deer and elk hunts. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Memorial Day weekend - Nov. 15, except during deer and elk hunts. Licensed hunters may ride during their hunts.	Designated areas Memorial Day weekend - Nov. 15. Licensed hunters may camp during hunts.	Year-round. Special trout waters. Some seasonal access restrictions.	Deer, elk, turkey, small game, September teal.

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Water Canyon	Year-round, except during deer and elk hunts. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Year-round, except during elk, deer hunts. Licensed hunters may ride during their hunts.	Not allowed, except licensed hunters may camp during their hunt.	No fishing opportunities.	Deer, elk, bear, turkey, small game. Coyotes, rabbits. Himalayan tahr Jan.-March (no dogs).
William Humphries	Memorial Day weekend through Nov. 15, except during deer and elk hunts. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Memorial Day weekend - Nov. 15, except during deer and elk hunts. Licensed hunters may ride during their hunts.	Designated areas Memorial Day weekend - Nov. 15. Licensed hunters may camp during hunts.	No fishing opportunities.	Deer, elk, bear, turkey, and small game.
Bear Canyon	Year-round. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Allowed, but opportunities are extremely limited.	Year-round in designated areas.	Winter trout waters and warmwater fishing.	No hunting opportunities.
Bill Evans Lake	Year-round. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Allowed, but opportunities are extremely limited.	Year-round in designated areas.	Regular fishing regulations. Winter trout water.	No hunting opportunities.
Heart Bar	Year-round. Bicycling allowed only on established roads. North bank of the West Fork of the Gila River closed to all access March 1 through Aug. 31.	Year-round. North bank of the West Fork, Gila River closed March 1 through Aug. 31.	Year-round in designated areas.	Year-round. Special trout waters.	No hunting opportunities.
Lake Roberts	Year-round. Bicycling not allowed.	Allowed, but opportunities are extremely limited.	Not allowed on wildlife area, but allowed on adjacent U.S. forest lands.	Year-round. Special trout waters.	No hunting opportunities.
Mimbres	Year-round. Bicycling not allowed.	Allowed, but opportunities are extremely limited.	Not allowed.	Not allowed.	No hunting opportunities.
Red Rock	Year-round. Activities allowed in designated areas only. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	Year-round in designated areas only.	Not allowed.	Limited fishing opportunities.	No hunting opportunities.
Socorro-Escondida.	Year-round. Bicycling not allowed.	Year-round.	Not allowed.	Year-round. Regular fishing regulations.	Turkey, small game, and waterfowl.
Brantley	Year-round. Bicycling not allowed.	Not allowed.	Not allowed on wildlife area, but allowed in state park.	Year-round. Regular fishing regulations.	Deer, small game, waterfowl.
Lesser Prairie Chicken Areas	Activities allowed June 30 - Feb. 15. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	June 30 - Feb. 15.	Not allowed.	No fishing opportunities.	Deer, small game.
Sandhills Prairie	Activities allowed June 30 - Feb. 15. Bicycling allowed only on established roads.	June 30 - Feb. 15.	Not allowed.	No fishing opportunities.	Deer
Seven Rivers	Year-round. Bicycling not allowed. Activities allowed only in designated areas. Please see specific area restrictions on map posted at wildlife area.	Not allowed.	Not allowed.	Year-round. Regular fishing regulations.	Small game, September teal, waterfowl, limited-draw deer, pheasants.
William S. Huey	Year-round. Bicycling not allowed. Activities allowed only in designated areas. Please see specific area restrictions on map posted at wildlife area.	Not allowed.	Not allowed.	Year-round. Regular fishing regulations.	Small game, waterfowl, limited-draw deer, pheasants, turkeys.

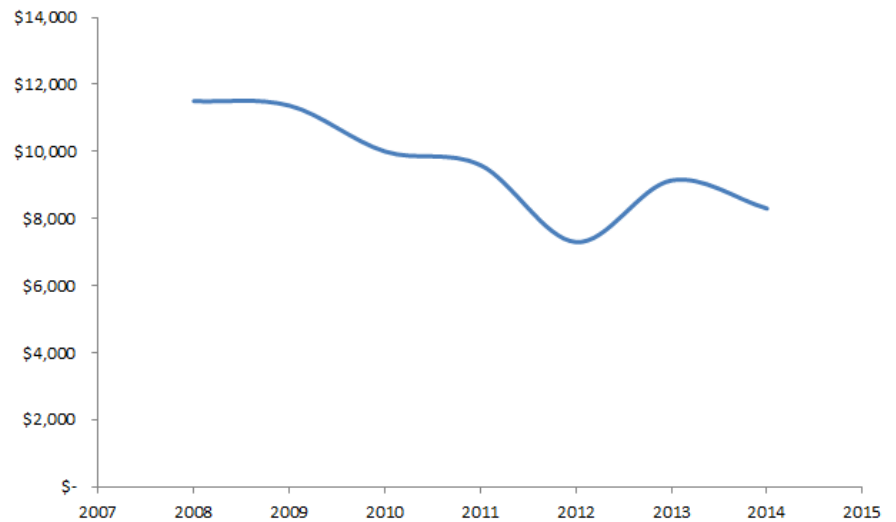
* Please refer to Big-Game and Trapper, Small Game and Waterfowl, and Fishing Rules and Information booklets for specific season rules and dates. www.wildlife.state.nm.us



GAIN Permits Sold

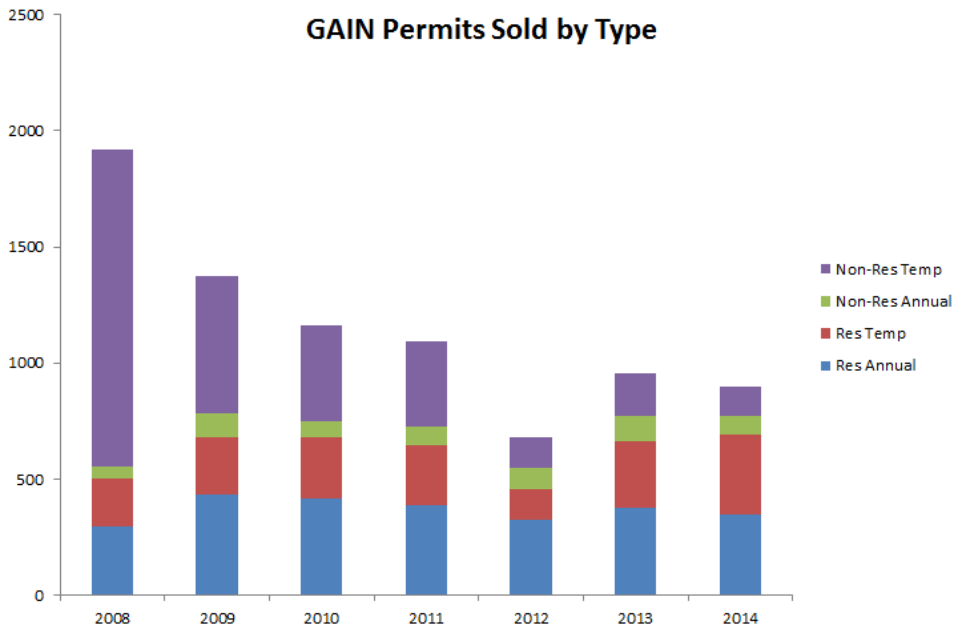


GAIN Revenue

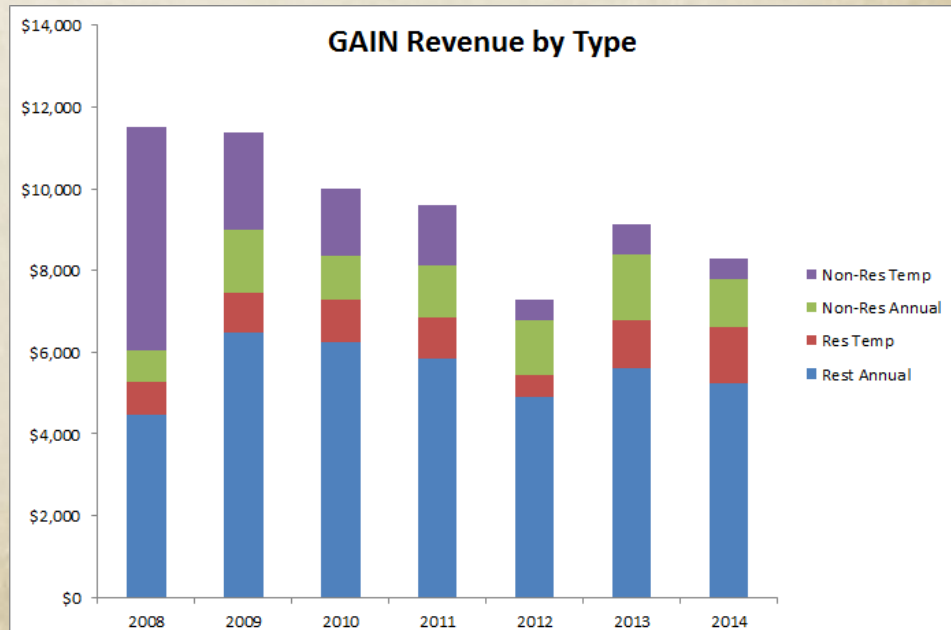




GAIN Permits Sold by Type



GAIN Revenue by Type





CONCERNS

1. Most visitors don't realize that SGC property is different than USFS or BLM lands.
2. Guests of license or permit holders are frustrated with the requirement they be licensed or permitted as well.
3. In some cases, facility maintenance is challenging and expensive.
4. Complexity and restrictions are often not inviting and prohibitive of intent of program.
5. Novelty of GAIN program has worn off.



Questions?